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The Alberta NDP have pledged to push the minimum wage in the province to \$15 per hour by 2018. What does that mean for Albertans? What could it mean for some small business? See [metronews](#) THE CANADIAN PRESS

Minimum wage war has begun

ECONOMY

NDP platform calls for \$15/h by 2018



Jeremy Nola
Metro | Calgary

Rachel Notley's pledge to raise Alberta's minimum wage to \$15 an hour is already playing out in other jurisdictions — and spurring a sharp divide between labour and business advocates.

The premier-designate has yet to be sworn in, but her NDP made a campaign pledge to boost the bottom end of Alberta's hourly pay scale by \$4.80 by 2018.

Currently, on Canada's top end, Ontario workers earn a minimum of \$11 an hour.

Loftier goals may lie ahead, however.

The B.C. Federation of Labour launched its "Fight for 15" campaign last year and President Irene Lanzinger insisted such a move is a catalyst for business, noting minimum-wage earners "don't put that extra money in a Swiss bank account" but rather spend it on things like groceries, sports and entertainment.

On April 1, Seattle officially became the first city in the U.S. to introduce a \$15 minimum wage — no other jurisdiction in the country appears to come close.

But the legislation is also being challenged in court by the International Franchise Association, which claims it unfairly discriminates against its members.

 **Owner says hike will force closure of eatery.**
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The Unicorn Pub on Calgary's Stephen Avenue has been a popular watering hole and performance venue for decades.

JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

End of an era, or 3: Unicorn Pub closes

STEPHEN AVENUE

Last hurrah will start Saturday at 4 p.m.



Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

After nearly 36 years, The Unicorn Pub, an anchor for the

local music community, is hanging up its horn and closing down to make way for new developments.

"I've had grown men crying, this is an icon in its industry," said Wendy Irvine, corporate manager at the Unicorn and employee of 10 years.

"It's the oldest pub, I believe, in the city."

She said the pub's last hurrah, starting Saturday from 4 p.m. and continuing until the

wee hours of Sunday morning, will attract flocks of regulars and old staff members from around the world — some coming from as far as Australia — to bid the brick and mortar adieu.

Maggie Schofield, executive director of the Calgary Downtown Association, said the pub will make way for Simons, a Quebec fashion retailer, in 2017.

"It's an institution, you know, it really is one of those iconic pubs," Schofield said. "We're

very sad to see it go."

After this weekend the friendly staff and food will move half a block away to the Libertine Public House and Below Deck Tavern — along with the delicious classic fare.

"If there was a way we could have stopped it we would have," said Irvine. "Who knows, maybe two years down the road they'll change their minds and say 'hey let's open it back up again' but that's my dream."

CLOSING TIME

Word on the street



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It's a weird feeling. I really feel like I kind of earned my chops there as a musician.

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With The Unicorn just being such a staple on Stephen Avenue, it closing down is a huge issue.

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IN BRIEF

Man charged after jewelry, coins stolen

The Calgary Police Service have charged a 57-year-old man after he was found to be in possession of \$20,000 in coins, jewelry and other property stolen from Cochrane homes.

According to a police release, Trung Van Nguyen is facing several property theft charges, including trafficking in stolen property under \$5,000 and possession of stolen property under \$5,000 for the purpose of trafficking.

Police said on March 17 they received a tip that items stolen from homes in Cochrane were located at a Calgary jewelry store in the 8100 block of Beddington Blvd. NW.

Working with the RCMP and the City of Calgary by-law services, police executed a search warrant at the business and confirmed the stolen property was up for sale. Police believe that Nguyen was aware the property was stolen when he purchased it. METRO

Woman loses appeal of puppy mill conviction

A woman has lost her appeal of her conviction for operating a puppy mill in Foam Lake, Sask.

April Dawn Irving was fined \$5,000 after being convicted in 2013. Her dogs had been seized by the Saskatchewan SPCA in 2010. Irving's name is also known to animal protection groups in Alberta, having been charged with animal cruelty after five dogs were found dead and 201 animals seized from her property in Milk River, Alta., in mid-January.

She has already lost her appeal of an Alberta court order banning her from owning any animals.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dog bites stir up talk of legislation

COMMUNITY

Point fingers at humans, not canines: Pit bull owner



Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Five dog bites in five days, a call to boost rules and repercussions and now the public eye is on so-called bully breeds even though the Calgary Humane society said they have no evidence on their end that any specific breed is to blame.

"When we do see an incident involving a bully breed, we may see more media around it," said Sage Pullen McIntosh with the Calgary Humane Society.

"As far as stats and connection between the bully breeds and the bites, that's something the city could provide, but we're not seeing anything in our doors."

This week after five dogs were involved in bite incidents, Calgary bylaw revealed they're proposing an aggressive dog strategy which would take into account public opinion along with a presentation of facts, statistics and a comparison with other jurisdictions to shorten the leash on incidents.

So far in 2015 there have been 23 bites, but without a full data set there's no telling which breeds are the top biters and whether or not biting is up this year, according to by-law services.

In Toronto, where a blanket



A photo of Stephanie Zacharias and her dog Geo. CONTRIBUTED

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Sage Pullen McIntosh, Calgary Humane Society

ban on bully breeds has been in place since 2005, Toronto Animal Services program manager Mary Lou Leiher said numbers on bites don't show any specific breed coming out on top.

"We definitely see less of that breed (pit bull) in the shel-

ters than we did — in terms of reducing bites I'm going to say no," Leiher said.

"We probably still have just as many dogs biting as we did before; there are going to be fewer pit bull bites because there are fewer pit bull dogs."

Stephanie Zacharias is a proud owner of an American pit bull terrier, and she said rather than pointing fingers at pups, the public should consider looking at owners.

"It makes me question how they've raised their dogs ... I don't take my dogs to dog parks because the simple reason that I don't trust other people's dogs," Zacharias said.

She described her one-year-old Geo as "the most human-like dog" she's ever owned with a great personality and a gentle nature.

CRIME

Man charged for sexist remarks



Morgan Modjeski
Metro | Calgary

Calgary police have laid charges against one man who made rude and sexist remarks to a member of the Calgary media while they were broadcasting on the Red Mile.

Charged under the Traffic Safety Act with stunting, police didn't release the man's name as the offence wasn't criminal, but confirmed charges have been laid.

Police said the charge came following a media harassment issue that occurred on April 24 on 17 Ave. SW, when a man shouted at a broadcaster from a car.

The CBC Calgary reporter whose broadcast was interrupted, Meghan Grant, said she was pleased the man was charged under the act, as it was a good alternative to a criminal charge.

"I'm happy with it," she said, noting the Calgary police told her the offender appeared embarrassed and remorseful.

"I think it sends a message and I'm glad that people are at least starting to be held accountable for doing things like this."

"There's a message being sent to them now," Grant said, of those who think the remarks are funny.

"It's not just about interrupting a reporter who's trying to get their work done," she said. "There's a real, very serious undercurrents of sexism here, so I'm glad that the message is being sent that this isn't being tolerated."

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Erik Komarnicki works at the library by day and plays in his band the Nitehawks. JENNIFER FRIESE/ FOR METRO

Library to crack the Decibels

ALL-AGES SHOW

Renovated library holds concert to attract youth



Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

There's nothing quiet about the Calgary Public Library's plans to introduce their new teen section and re-imagined main floor — in fact, with four rock bands on the bill, the after hours reveal is sure to knock the dust off the shelves.

The Dewey Decibel System is a free all-ages show com-

fill the gap in all-ages venues; Komarnicki hopes if this event is successful the library can do more shows for teens.

The Central Library is re-vamping their main floor in attempts to get into the 21st century giving readers a taste of what the new library could look like. Katherine Cormack with the Public Library said the new-and-improved floor will bring the teen section down from the second floor and gear it more towards "today's teens" instead of "teens from 20 years ago."

That means bringing a whole new atmosphere to the section — including video games.

"All of it is to make the library that much more accessible to our patrons," said Cormack. "We wanted to reach out to teens because that's a



We wanted to reach out to teens because that's a group of people that don't always feel comfortable coming into the library.

Katherine Cormack

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She said the main floor will also become "Library express" with extended hours on Fridays — coming soon — to give people a chance to swoop through

at the end of their week and enjoy a one-stop curated area to grab and get reading on the weekend.

"Now it's going to be a sampling of all of the best stuff, the newest and hottest stuff," said Komarnicki.

AIR TRAVEL

Vary noisy plane routes, residents ask

Planes coming into Calgary airspace on the city's west-side appear to using the same "well-worn path," contends an area councillor, who would like to see more varied routes.

Ward 6 representative Richard Pootmans lives in Signal Hill and can vouch for some of the concerns raised by area residents to Metro in a story published this week.

The homeowners say the opening of a parallel runway

at Calgary International Airport last summer prompted a change in flight paths, one that sends charter and cargo aircraft alike right over their homes on a regular basis.

"I think they run right outside my bedroom, frankly," Pootmans quipped Thursday.

He said the issue is not so much the severity of noise, but frequency of flights travelling the same path.

Maps published online de-

picting flight patterns before and after the second runway open do indicate planes coming into the city along Sarcee Trail are using a more streamlined route.

Pootmans said he believes that's why certain residents in communities like Signal Hill say the noise is keeping them up, while others barely notice it at all.

Pootmans, along with concerned residents and representatives with the Calgary Airport

Authority, were due to meet at an open house Thursday evening.

Pootmans said he believes a good solution is to return to more varied paths for planes; however, he conceded such changes may require approval from federal aviation regulator Nav Canada.

"It's an annoyance in the neighbourhood and it's something we should try to address," Pootmans said.

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Hike in minimum wage hard for some to swallow

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Wage increase will be gradual: NDP spokesperson



Jeremy Nolas
Metro | Calgary

Details of an NDP-imposed minimum wage that would rank as the highest in the country are yet to be ironed out, but some business owners already appear a tad shaken.

"If the minimum wage goes up, I will shut the dining room off, give it to the landlord and make it a pickup and delivery — that's it," said Mohamed Zaarour, owner of Calgary's Mitillinis Pizza & Steak House.

"I can't afford it. Rent is high, I can't control the rent. Produce (costs are) high. Everything is up, up."

Zaarour pays his service staff minimum wage but

notes they make tips. His inside staff make more but still may require a pay bump if the government were to push the minimum to the \$15 mark.

Amber Ruddy, a senior policy analyst with the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, said the pizza maker's plight would be one of many. She said the \$15 pledge looks "good politically" but could do heavy damage to the bottom lines maintained by small business owners.

"Large jumps in the minimum wage tend to hurt the very people they're supposed to be helping out — young people perhaps looking for their first job," she said, noting owners would cut hours, hire fewer employees and potentially even eliminate existing positions.

Ruddy said there's also the potential for increased automation.

"We're seeing McDonald's in other parts of the world now just having computers take the orders," she said.



I can't afford it. Rent is high, I can't control the rent.

Mohamed Zaarour, owner of Mitillinis Pizza & Steak House

Ruddy said the CFIB instead advocates for increasing the basic personal tax exemption to cover the entire earnings accrued by lower-paid employees.

The NDP, meanwhile, has yet to officially form government and a spokesperson said Thursday the party had little to share about the proposed hike to minimum wage that would top out at \$15 by 2018.

"The premier-designate will have more to say about details surrounding minimum wage, once she has appointed her cabinet and laid out her spending plan," Cheryl Oates said.

Alex Shevalier, president of the Calgary and District Labour Council, however, said

his group supports a phased hike to minimum wage.

Even at \$15, he noted employees would still be raking in less than what is considered the "living wage" in Calgary — an action team has pegged that at \$17.29 per hour for those without health benefits and \$16.14 for those with them.

Shevalier noted, too, Alberta has the smallest percentage of employees in Canada actually earning the current \$10.20 minimum wage — about 1.8 per cent.

He surmised that owners stating they would have to lay off staff if forced to fork over a few more dollars are "probably going to lay them off at some point anyway."

"We're not talk about going from \$10 to \$15 overnight," Shevalier noted. "We're talking about doing it over three years."

He said he also hopes for a built-in mechanism that sees the minimum wage increase at the rate of inflation annually.



Mohamed Zaarour, owner of Calgary's Mitillinis Pizza & Steak House, said a \$15 minimum wage would force him to close his dining room. HELEN PIKE/METRO

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'Message received,' Prentice tells crowd

POLITICS

**Outgoing leader
says the voters
spoke — and he
heard them**



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Metro | Calgary

Outgoing Alberta Premier Jim Prentice told supporters he will live with the mistakes made on the campaign trail for the rest of his life in a personal — even emotional — speech Thursday.

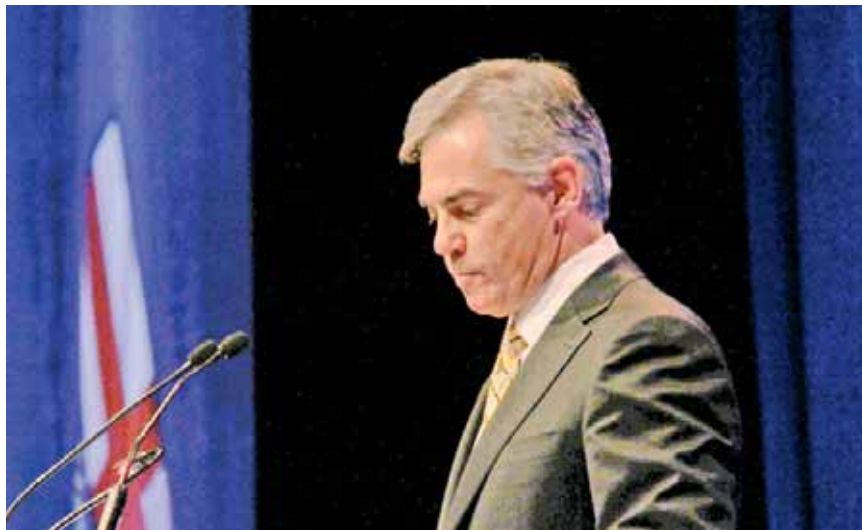
His remarks came nine days after the Progressive Conservative 44-year dynasty was toppled in the May 5 provincial election, one that saw the party reduced to 10 seats.

"Albertans were determined to send us a message in this election," Prentice told 1,200 supporters gathered at the Telus Convention Centre for the party's leader's dinner.

"In response, I say 'Message received,'" Prentice said.

Prentice spoke bluntly about the campaign he steered, claiming he alienated both public-sector workers, who felt he was too aggressive, and Conservative voters, who felt he wasn't aggressive enough.

"The voters are always right and they have chosen a different path than we advocated," he said.



Premier Jim Prentice speaks to supporters at the party leader's dinner Thursday. He will resign as an MLA despite winning the seat for Calgary-Foothills. MIKE LUMSDEN / NEWS TALK 770

Prentice will also resign as MLA for Calgary-Foothills despite winning the seat in the election. He told attendees Thursday that, had he remained in the role, he would have been a "distraction."

"As Alberta's premier and as the leader of the Progressive Conservative party, I have had many advisers and counsellors, but at the end of the day the obligation of leadership rests squarely on my shoulders and I bear final responsibility for the choices that were made," Prentice said.

"And I will carry those de-

cisions and the electoral consequences of it for the rest of my life."

Prentice touched on his meeting this week with NDP Leader and premier-designate Rachel Notley and said the transition to a new government — the first such move in more than four decades in Alberta — is nearly complete.

He hinted at a tough road ahead for the new ruling party, stating issues facing the province "remain just as challenging to the future of Alberta as they were when the election commenced."

Prentice's speech was met with a standing ovation. He was followed by PC interim leader and Calgary MLA Ric McIver.

He noted the party finished second in 56 of the province's 87 ridings and that PCs received a greater share of the popular vote than the now-opposition Wildrose.

Still, McIver said he wouldn't "sugar coat" the election result. "We're in the penalty box," he said.

"You know how I can tell? Because when we sat on the players' bench, there was a lot more of us around."

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Accused described as victims' friend



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Pike**
Metro | Calgary

Family members say the 21-year-old charged in the deaths of three people in Lethbridge was a friend to the victims and reached out online the day before Clarissa and Dakota English as well as Kyle Devine were found stabbed to death in their home.

"I still can't believe that this is all happening," said Chantelle English, sister of Dakota and Clarissa. "He was friends with Dakota and he was friends with Clarissa."

According to police, on April 28, just before 2:30 a.m., three bodies were located inside a home along the 200 block of McGill Boulevard. Police had responded to a call from a concerned neighbour, who asked that they check on the occupants in the home.

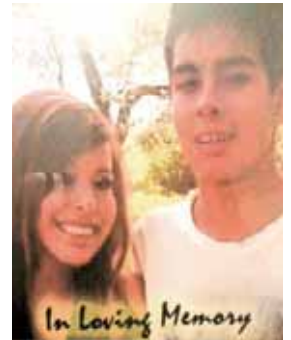
The three victims died from multiple stab wounds.

Police have charged Austin Lane Vielle with three counts of second-degree murder.

"The day before all of this happened he was trying to get a hold of Dakota," Chantelle said.

"I (Facebook) messaged him the morning I found out because he was the first person who popped into my head ... just because he was the last person that I knew that was trying to get a hold of Dakota."

In a release, police said Vielle was with the victims in the hours before their deaths. Their investigation found that Vielle was "at large on a recognizance" in relation to a



Siblings Clarissa and Dakota English were victims of a triple homicide in Lethbridge. FACEBOOK

previous incident in which he was charged with assault and uttering threats during an altercation with Devine earlier in April. He was to have no contact with Devine.

"I'm happy that he's not out there living his life, but at the same time I'm pissed off because he's living — and my sister and my brother aren't," Chantelle said.

Chantelle said her mother spoke to Vielle face-to-face at the police station.

"She's still in shock," she said. "Especially the lack of remorse he (Vielle) had towards her this morning, he had no expression, he just had a smirk on his face."



**He's living — and
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Chantelle English

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Calgary's lost spaces found

ART

Global artists reimagine forgotten spots in growing city



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Calgary's lost spaces have been found by artists and creative thinkers across the world, and the results of these reimagined and underutilized locales are now on display for the public to explore.

Organizers with d.talks launched their call for ideas early in January to wrangle up creatives, giving them one challenge: find spaces in Calgary that have been forgotten and find a way to bring them to the forefront, to connect them with the public.

Amery Calvelli of d.talks said the group received more than 290 submissions, which was more than expected.



Under the Sky — Public Art Field Prize: An illuminated membrane attached to the underside of transportation overpasses recreates the sky above, normally blocked by concrete. By Jorge Sanfulgenico, Julio Romero. PHOTOS SUBMITTED

That bundle of entries was finally whittled down at the end of April to what is now 12 submissions on display at Contemporary Calgary/C2 until May 23.

"It was way beyond what we expected," said Calvelli.

"I think what was really interesting about these submissions was the variety of points

of entry into lost spaces — some were really quite broad and large."

She added one of the key components for the competition was the feasibility of design.

And though there are no plans yet, one of these works could someday become a reality.

Lost Railways — First Prize: This idea explores forgotten train tracks and rethinks their ecology. It allows citizens to observe the resiliency of landscape over decades and how it changes and evolves. By Laboratorio de arquitectura y paisaje: Edgar Mazo, Sebastian Meija, Jojann Restrepo and Glenn Pouliquen.



Clover Leaf — Planning Field Prize: A Calgary-based idea looks at the Calgary Eats! Food System Assessment & Action Plan and proposes the use of greenhouses along the Transportation Utility Corridor and Calgary Ring Road land. By David Whittman, Mike Murray, Hannah Perry, Jonathan Sagi, Katelyn Junkin and Dave Robertson.



Occult Prairie — Transportation Field Prize: This submission explores using the lost space along the 412 Calgary Transit bus route and introduces blocks of native plants that bloom and change with the seasons, so every ride along the route is different. By Judit Urgelles.



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POLICE

Lucrative auto theft ring busted



Staff Sgt. Kristie Verheul holds up some of the hundreds of keys that were seized by police. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Calgary police said the disruption of an auto-theft ring that saw \$1.9 million in stolen cars recovered and at least 10 people charged is just "scratching the surface" of a larger issue in the city.

Staff Sgt. Kristie Verheul with the Economic Crimes Unit said Thursday 168 charges were laid in relation to the alleged crime ring, resulting in a drop in car thefts from roughly 120 a week to 80 per week.

"This is really scratching the surface of what we know has happened," Verheul said.

Police have charged 10 people in connection with the ring, but they

believe four people, Tyler Roger Scott, 30, Tyler Timothy John, 34, Jason Howard Little, 31, and Brandi Lynn Couterielle, 25, were coordinating the efforts. Police say John is at large and is wanted by police.

Verheul said 85 per cent of the vehicles police have recovered were stolen because a key was either left in the vehicle or nearby, a fact that may present some obstacles when it comes to laying charges.

"It's definitely a challenge for the police and for the courts," she said.

Officers also recovered hundreds of vehicle keys and two firearms — a handgun and a rifle. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Secondary suites doomed by this confusing council

IN DEFENCE OF

Mike Morrison



I've always been supportive of secondary suites. I mean, why wouldn't you want to open up Calgary's practically impossible rental market and maybe make living here a little easier and a little more affordable for your fellow Calgarian?

No seriously, that's the question I've been asking myself since I heard about this years ago. Now, I don't pretend to be an expert on the issue, but if secondary suites means putting roofs over people's heads, then that seems like a pretty great thing. But I guess it's not. Because if it were that easy, wouldn't we be talking about something else by now?

Earlier this week, after a marathon debate that lasted until nearly midnight, in

which the end result was a millimetre move in the right direction, I think it's time we do what many on city council are hoping we'll do and just give up. The only way we're ever going to end the secondary suites debate is to stop having it.

Can anyone look at the comments of this current council and truly believe that secondary suites will ever be approved? As it stands, there seems to be a current bloc of councillors that will never change their mind. Sure, it's frustrating, but it's time we admit it and move on.

Now I know I may sound defeatist, but it's just become too painful to watch thousands of Calgarians put in thousands of man-hours into working toward something that many Calgarians know to be right, only to be stopped every single time by what has to be Calgary's most dysfunctional city

council ever.

The excuses for delaying secondary suites have become so asinine, uneducated, and confusing, it's simply become time for the secondary suite advocates to pack their bags and head home...or wherever they can afford to rest their head at night.

This city council has proven time and time again that they aren't going to listen to research, associations, professionals or regular citizens basically begging for them. They're going to listen to a small group of entitled citizens who've never provided any reason that isn't discriminatory toward renters for not approving secondary suites. And, as that certain bloc of councillors has proven, if you're a squeaky wheel, you basically get a free membership to a grease spa.

So what do we do if we don't get secondary suites, which I firmly believe we

won't get until at least 2017 when we elect a new council (unless premier-designate Notley steps in first?) We help out elsewhere.

We don't need city council's approval to volunteer at any number of the city's shelters, the ones filled with people who might have a better life if they could afford their own home.

We don't need city council's approval to donate clothes and food, which might make paying Calgary's high rents a little easier for a family.

We don't need city council's approval to keep an eye out for our neighbours, and see what we can do to help them.

On issues like this, it's important to remember that we don't need city council to show us how to be good Calgarians. We can just do it in spite of them.

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INFRASTRUCTURE

Flood mitigation work yet to be done: City

It's been two years since the "flood of the century" hit Calgary, but city officials say the flood risk is still significant.

Due to heavy rain and melting snow, Calgary has the greatest risk of river flooding from May 15 to July 15.

Despite completing all 19 high-priority riverbank mitigation projects along the Bow and Elbow rivers, the city's lead river engineer, Frank

Frigo, said there's "still work to be done."

"We try to apply a triple bottom-line approach, where we look at social, environmental and economic cost to any decision we make," Frigo said.

"We recognize that the watersheds are connected. While we're working on flood mitigation, we also have to look at the environment to think about water supply. We

have to think about all the water users that are involved with the entire system."

With the May long weekend fast approaching, the city urged Calgarians to be prepared for changes in river flow and new debris.

Currently, water-flow levels on both the Bow and Elbow rivers are "on the low edge of normal," but Frigo said that can change quickly as the city enters a high pre-

cipitation season.

"The risk exists every year in Calgary," he said.

"Because we have such a steep mountain area upstream of us, it only takes a fairly moderate rainfall event ... to drive a very rapid change."

JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

 MORE LOCAL NEWS ONLINE



While at the Student Police Academy at Heritage Park, Hangsel Sanguino, 18, can be seen interacting as an officer with actors in a simulated impaired driving scene. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Students play police for a day

CPS

Teens, actors simulate on-the-job situations



Jennifer Friesen
For Metro

Just a few weeks shy of his high school graduation, Hangsel Sanguino came across his old Grade 3 notebook. Inside, he wrote that he wanted to be a police officer when he grew up.

On Thursday he had the chance to test it out.

Over the past 10 years, the Calgary Police Service has held a Student Police Academy at Heritage Park, giving high schoolers a chance to live a day in the life of an officer.

"For students thinking about a career in criminal justice, it's important for them to better understand the job we do," said Sgt. Duane Lepchuk. "It's not always driving fast and chasing after

bad guys; you're dealing with volatile, high-risk situations."

Grade 12 students from Calgary, Lethbridge and rural towns around Alberta were put in real-life policing scenarios on Thursday, from hostile domestic disputes to out-of-control parties.

Sanguino, 18, was brought into a simulated car accident, where he and two other students had to react as actors played an impaired driver and another without registration.

"It's been really interesting," he said. "It gives you a good idea of how people react and how you should react to other people, too."

Sanguino is already enrolled in the criminal justice program at Mount Royal University this fall, and though he isn't sure which route to take in law enforcement, he's been glad to see his Grade 3 dream come to life.

"I've always been into law, so I know I want to do something with people and law. I wouldn't want to be sitting at a cubicle and typing," he said. "I think this would be a great opportunity in the future."

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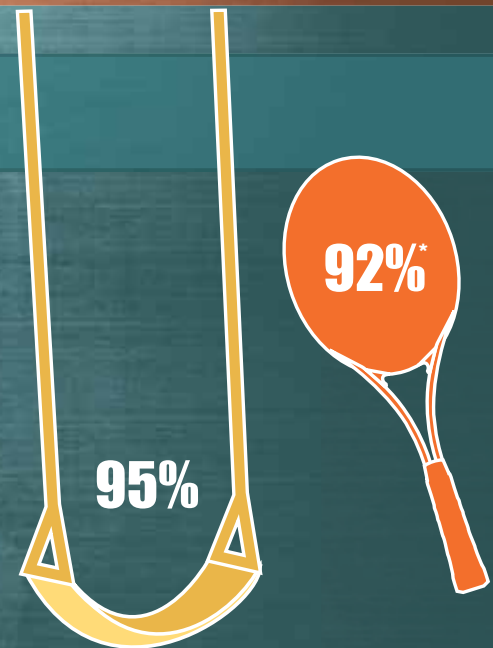
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City to enliven underpasses

PUBLIC ART

Walkway to be made brighter, more welcoming



Robson Fletcher
Metro | Calgary

Calgary's unsightly underpasses beneath the CP Rail tracks that separate downtown from the Beltline are all set to receive major redesigns soon, but the city aims to do something special with the one on 4th Street S.W.

"Fourth Street has a completely different character than other underpasses, so this design should reflect that," said centre city project manager Greg Stewart.

To that end, the city is asking for feedback on the three ambitious design concepts, each involving ornate lighting plans that are designed to be eye-catching and, in some cases, interactive.

The first design idea would create an illuminated overhead effect similar in appearance to the aurora borealis, created by a "hovering, semi-transparent field of objects" above the roadway.

"The animation is activated by people moving throughout the space, the journey of the sun during daylight and artificial light during the night," reads the city's description of the idea. "The intensity of the reflecting elements changes depending on time of day."

The second design would see the walls of the underpass

coloured in deep blue, mixed with images and technology that tracks the motion of pedestrians, creating "a kind of stage where people become the actors."

"At night visitors are escorted by light trailing slightly behind them as they move through the space," reads the description. "In cases of couples or groups, the lights become more intense."

The third design also involves overhead illumination, but in a different style.

"A number of reflective objects capture and project light and sound from the two overpasses below to the underpasses," explains the description. "These reflective

fields wrap the edges of both Ninth Avenue and the CPR

overpasses."

Stewart said each design "establishes a sense of discovery and it has its own unique identity."

The goal of all the underpass redesigns is to improve pedestrian safety and comfort with better lighting and a more welcoming atmosphere, but the 4th Street S.W. project aims to go a bit further

and become a destination in itself.

+ UNDERPASS FACTS

Things to know about the 4th Street S.W. redesign

- The 4th Street S.W. underpass sees about 8,000 pedestrians and 13,000 vehicles pass through it on a given day.
- The city is accepting feedback on the three de-

signs online until May 26.

- You can find the feedback forms by searching "4th Street SW Underpass Enhancement Project" at Calgary.ca.
- Construction is expected to begin in spring 2016.

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO



The first design concept, above, is an "Experiential Light Field" that "consists of light-reflecting and refracting elements" above the roadway.



The second design, at left, is an "Urban Traverse" aimed at creating an "oasis in the urban fabric."

The third design, below, is titled "Condenser" and includes "an array of reflective objects."

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Grizzly scare forces Banff park closure

WILDLIFE

Bear charged photographer in the Tunnel Mountain area



Robson Fletcher
Metro | Calgary

Wildlife officials have closed a large and popular section of the Tunnel Mountain area in Banff National Park after a grizzly bear charged a photographer.

The confrontation occurred Wednesday evening when the man was walking through a wooded area, taking photos, and came across a group of ravens that had gathered around a partially buried elk carcass, said Blair Fyten, a human-wildlife conflict supervisor with Parks

Canada.

"He heard some noise off to his side and he looked, and there was a grizzly bear charging him," Fyten said. "The bear stopped the charge and just swatted the air and huffed a few times. And (the man) just retreated quickly and got out of there."

The man reported the incident, and Parks officials hastily started closing off parts of the area, which expanded to a full closure Thursday, including several popular hiking and mountain biking trails.

The closure will likely last for about a week, Fyten expects, but won't be lifted until Parks officials reassess the area.

"Usually we'll just leave it closed until the bear's moved on and the carcass is cleaned up," he said. "There's quite a few ravens on it and some coyotes and this one grizzly bear so ... we'll just let nature take its course."



A Parks Canada official said the closure will likely last for about a week or until the bear has moved on. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

FUN

What to do this weekend

This weekend is long enough that you could binge-watch it away on Netflix or just host a few outdoor BBQs. Whether you love the outdoors or are looking to relax inside, here's a roundup of some other fun activities to do in and around Calgary:

Devonian Gardens

If it's looking grey outside, why not go somewhere green? The Devonian Gardens offer a beautiful canopy. It's bright and, best of all, free.

Museums and galleries

There's the Glenbow, Fort Calgary, Telus Spark, the Calgary Zoo and many more fun spots to take the kids for an afternoon.

Re Tree YYC

The City of Calgary is hosting its first tree information fair to help residents understand more about tree recovery. For those interested in learning more, visit calgary.ca and search Re Tree YYC.

Tweed Ride

The fourth annual Tweed Ride encourages cyclists to take in city sights while wearing tweed. It starts at the East Village Experience Centre on May 18. For more information, visit tweedrideyyc.com.

Last-minute camping

Check out Banff and Kananaskis for the Interlakes, Lower Lake and Mount Sarraill campgrounds. None of them take reservations, so it's first come, first served.

Day-trip hikes

Lake Agnes Tea House is great for the whole family as long as the kids are ready for a three-hour hike. Other options include: Picklejar Lakes, Johnston Canyon, Heart Creek and Red Rock Canyon.

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Lepidopterist John Acorn is encouraging Albertans to get out there and snap photos of butterflies they come across over the long weekend. METRO FILE

Wanted: Alberta's butterflies

NATURE

Experts aim to find number of existing species in province



Anna Brooks
For Metro | Calgary

If you're lacking a to-do list this long weekend, why not watch some butterflies?

John Acorn of the Alberta Lepidopterists' Guild said he is encouraging Albertans everywhere to snap pictures of butterflies they come across as part of an investigation into the number of existing butterfly species in the province.

"We're looking for all 173 species in Alberta because we don't know if they're all still here," Acorn said. "These photos could confirm the right species."

Only just launching what's been dubbed the Butterfly Roundup, Acorn said already 31 species have been collected. Having established 173 as the number of existing species back in the 1800s, Acorn said 2015 could reveal new species or the disappearance of others.

"Who knows what we

+ PHOTOS

Albertans are encouraged to take pictures of butterflies and upload them to e-butterfly.org. Up-to-date counts and confirmation of species in Alberta can also be found on e-butterfly.org.

might find — maybe some species have been overlooked or are moving in," Acorn added.

Between the general public's interest in the initiative and 31 species already identified, Acorn said the Butterfly Roundup is off to a good start.

"The records we've already submitted paint a pretty optimistic picture of what butterfly life looks like in Alberta," Acorn said. "It's a great reminder for people that butterflies haven't disappeared."

Acorn said while some people shy away from entomology (let's face it, insects can get a little creepy), photographing butterflies is one of those activities any one can get involved in.

"Butterflies are perfect ambassadors for the insect world — they're honorary flowers," he said.

SUMMER SEASON

Eastern slopes of Rockies get more police

Alberta is bolstering the enforcement of laws on public land along the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains.

Starting this weekend and throughout the summer, 21 conservation officers and park rangers will be posted to the regions of Pincher Creek, Kananaskis and Rocky Mountain House.

They will have the power to ticket offenders and call in RCMP, wildlife officers and other police in more serious cases.

Ryan Heise, an Alberta Environment spokesman, said the aim is to prevent bad behaviour such as ATV riders damaging the backcountry and people leaving garbage and equipment behind at campsites.

"Severe environmental impact stuff, things like mudbogging, really ripping up the land," Heise said Thursday.

"We have had a lot of cases in the past of people who are camping leaving all of their stuff.

Lots of litter. And then stuff like liquor infractions, firearm infractions."

In recent years, campers have abandoned chairs, tents, mattresses and even cars in the backcountry.

Heise said Albertans have the right to use public land, but they also have the responsibility to use it properly and safely.

RCMP have said more enforcement of off-highway vehicles is needed in the backcountry to

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Mounties have said they are dealing with more cases of people causing environmental damage by driving ATVs through stream beds.

prevent damage to the environment and other illegal behaviour. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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MONCTON SHOOTINGS

RCMP charged with labour violations

Nearly a year after three RCMP officers were murdered in Moncton by a lone gunman, the police force has been charged with four labour code violations in relation to the incident.

The Employment and Social Development Canada investigation alleges there were violations of the code relating to the force's equipment, training and supervision in the June 4 case.

Justin Bourque murdered constables Doug Larche, Fabrice Gevaudan and Dave Ross, and constables Eric Dubois and Darlene Goguen were wounded in the young man's rampage through the city's north end.

Bourque was sentenced to life in prison with no eligibility for parole for 75 years in October after pleading guilty to three counts of first-degree murder and two counts of attempted murder.

“The safety of our employees in doing this dangerous job, protecting the public, is always our priority.”

RCMP Commissioner
Bob Paulson

An RCMP review of the shootings said officers responding to the shootings faced a litany of problems that included communicating accurate information, accessing

high-powered weaponry and securing protective equipment.

Commissioner Bob Paulson says the police force is considering the substance of the labour code charges and reviewing what actions to take. THE CANADIAN PRESS

GUN REGISTRY

Rewriting law sets 'perilous precedent'

An unprecedented Conservative bid to rewrite the law in order to retroactively erase the RCMP's mishandling of gun registry records sets the table for legislated, after-the-fact cover-ups of far more serious crimes, Canada's information commissioner declared Thursday.

In a new report tabled in Parliament, Suzanne Legault concluded that the practice establishes a "perilous precedent" of rewriting laws — one that could jeopardize the ability of authorities to prosecute electoral fraud or other government scandals.

Legault recommended two months ago that charges be laid against the RCMP for its role in withholding and destroying gun registry data. But



Information Commissioner
Suzanne Legault
THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

instead of Justice Minister Peter MacKay moving on the recommendation to lay charges, the Harper government rewrote the law, backdated the changes and buried the amendment in an omnibus budget bill.

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INFRASTRUCTURE MR. HOCKEY GETS A BRIDGE Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder, left, Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Murray Howe, Gordie Howe's son, announced Thursday that the Detroit River International Crossing, connecting Detroit with Windsor, Ont., will be named the Gordie Howe International Bridge. The 87-year-old Howe, known as "Mr. Hockey," was born in Floral, Sask., and led the Detroit Red Wings to four Stanley Cup championships. PHOTO: DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS; TEXT: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Khadr gets new win with SCOC ruling

Court rejects attempt to declare him an adult offender

The Supreme Court of Canada wasted no time Thursday as it summarily rejected the federal government's bid to have former Guantanamo Bay prisoner Omar Khadr declared an adult offender.

The case centred on whether the eight-year war-crimes sentence he got from a U.S. military commission in 2010 ought to be interpreted as a youth or adult sentence.

The federal government has

argued the latter, saying Khadr actually received five concurrent eight-year terms for each of his five war crimes — a conclusion the nine justices rejected in a rare decision from the bench.

"The sentence is under the minimum for an adult sentence," Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin told the court after about 30 minutes of deliberations that followed the end of the hearing.

"We are of the view that a proper interpretation of the relevant legislation does not permit Mr. Khadr's eight-year sentence to be treated as five distinct eight-year sentences to be served concurrently."

Dennis Edney, one of Khadr's the lawyers, said the swiftness of the ruling was a message to the Harper government for wasting taxpayer money on "persecuting my client."

After almost 13 years in custody, Khadr was released on bail last week while he appeals his U.S. conviction, which has drawn fierce criticism from legal and human rights experts.

Khadr was 15 when he threw the grenade that killed U.S. Sgt. Christopher Speer during a firefight in Afghanistan in July 2002.

Several members of the panel challenged Department

“We can't slice and dice the eight years.”

Justice Marshall Rothstein

of Justice lawyer Sharlene Telles-Langdon during her 50-minute oral argument before a packed courtroom.

Justice Rosalie Abella asked Telles-Langdon whether she considers eight years to be a youth sentence. Yes, the lawyer replied.

"Then, isn't that the end of the story?" Abella said.

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Soldier says it's not so simple

Cpl. Ashley Turner is a female soldier who has served in the armed forces for 12 years and completed two tours in Afghanistan. She was also deployed on Operation Podium, the army's support for the 2010 Vancouver Olympics. Turner wrote to Metro News after seeing her photo with an article about sexual misconduct in the Canadian military. Her letter follows.

I was very surprised to see my photograph in the May 1 edition of the Metro, and even more surprised to see the article that it was used to illustrate — an article entitled "Military Plagued by Sexualized Culture," which described the recent report by former Supreme Court justice Marie Deschamps on the misogyny and sexual harassment that is allegedly commonplace in the Canadian Forces.

While I am flattered that my picture was chosen to represent female soldiers in general, I also feel that the immediate impression a reader would get is that it was included to provide an example of a female soldier who has had first-hand experience of the issues discussed in the report. Therefore, I wish to clarify that this is not the case, and that I am not in any way associated with the study in question.

In fact, had I been one of the 700 personnel who were selected to participate in this study, I would have confessed that the

time I have spent in the Canadian military — all 12 years of it — has been a very positive experience, and almost entirely free of the issues described in the article. Perhaps I have been unusually lucky to have worked with excellent male colleagues for the entirety of my career, or perhaps I am one of the "desensitized" women the article mentions. I do admit that crude jokes and swear words are spoken regularly in the military, yet I have never felt offended by them. In my experience, jokes that degrade women are not made any more often than jokes that degrade other groups of people — and, in fact, though the article mentions "references to female genitalia" as a particularly offensive example of such a joke, I can assure you that references to male genitalia are far, far more common. What I find much more offensive and misogynistic than any joke I have heard in the military is the notion that females, but not

males, are somehow ill-equipped to handle this manner of conversing. The joking I have experienced has almost always been good-natured, and when the time has come to get the job done I have never found myself to be treated any less fairly than anyone else, or to be any less accepted by my peers as a result of my gender.

Of course, for both males and females, personal experience in the Canadian Forces will vary, and I am sure that, at times, legitimate harassment does occur. My intent is not to belittle the victims of this harassment, or to suggest that it should not be taken seriously. I simply wish to state that my experience in the Canadian Forces has been very different than the experiences of the female soldiers described in the article, and that the use of my photograph was therefore probably not the most accurate way to illustrate the concept discussed.

CPL. ASHLEY TURNER

Canada metr NEWS

Military's problem of sexualized culture

WOMEN'S RIGHTS
Judge's report highlights misogynistic behaviour

Being called an ice princess, or a slut, or told that they only joined the army to find a man: Those are just some modest examples of the misogynistic, highly sexualized culture that pervades the Canadian military and confronts its female members every day, a long-awaited sexual misconduct review said Thursday.

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Cpl. Ashley Turner's photograph was published in Metro and other newspapers on May 1 alongside a story about the recent release of a scathing report into military sexual misconduct. She later wrote us to make clear that she should not be seen as "an example of a female soldier who has had first-hand experience of the issues discussed in the report." METRO

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BURUNDI FIGHTING BREAKS OUT IN CAPITAL DURING ATTEMPTED COUP A civilian jumps over a burning barricade of rocks erected by residents to protect themselves from police, in a northern district of the capital Bujumbura, in Burundi, Thursday. Gunfire and explosions rang out in the city as military forces backing an attempted coup against President Pierre Nkurunziza battled it out with forces loyal to the elected leader. ERIK ESBJORNSSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIGRANT CRISIS

Thailand, Malaysia refuse boat people

Rohingya and Bangladeshis abandoned at sea following a crackdown on human traffickers had nowhere to go Thursday after Malaysia turned away two wooden boats crammed with hundreds of hungry people. Thailand, too, made it clear the migrants were not wanted.

Thai Prime Minister Gen. Prayuth Chan-ocha said his country couldn't afford to host the refugees. He had no suggestions as to where they should go, saying: "No one wants them." Southeast Asia for years tried to quietly ignore the plight of Myanmar's 1.3 million Ro-

hingya.

It's feared that up to 6,000 of the Muslim minority, who are intensely persecuted in Buddhist-majority Myanmar, have boarded ships to flee to other countries and are now stranded at sea.

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Amtrak engineer under scrutiny in deadly wreck

PHILADELPHIA

Bostian remembers nothing of crash: Lawyer

Brandon Bostian was obsessed with trains while growing up, talked about them constantly and wanted to be an engineer or a conductor.

"He would go on vacation and bring back subway maps," Stefanie McGee, a friend from Tennessee, recalled Thursday.

"He would go places with his family and he would talk about the trains instead of the places."

Bostian's teenage dreams would come true. But now, at 32, the Amtrak engineer has found himself at the very centre of the investigation into the nation's deadliest train

wreck in nearly six years.

He was at the controls of a train that investigators say barrelled into a curve in Philadelphia on Tuesday night at more than 160 kph, or twice the speed limit. Eight people were killed in the derailment and more than 200 injured.

Investigators want to know why the train was going so fast. But Bostian refused to talk to police on Wednesday, authorities said. And investigators with the National Transportation Safety Board said they would give him a day or two to recover from the shock of the accident before talking to him.

Separately, the Philadelphia district attorney's office said it is investigating and will decide whether to bring charges.

Bostian's lawyer, Robert Goggin, told ABC News that his client suffered a concussion in the crash and has "ab-

solutely no recollection whatsoever of the events." Goggin also said Bostian had not been using his cellphone, drinking or using drugs.

He said Bostian's cellphone was off and stored in his bag before the accident, as required. Goggin said that his client "co-operated fully" with police and told them "everything that he knew," immediately consenting to a blood test and surrendering his cellphone.

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Wells Fargo said Wednesday that Abid Gilani, a Canadian senior vice-president at the company, was among the victims of Tuesday's crash. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Bedouin Arab village to be demolished

ISRAEL

Court OKs development that seems to cater to Jews

Israelis are once again locked in a bitter settlement dispute with their Arab neighbours, but this time the conflict is not unfolding in the West Bank

but in Israel's southern desert.

After years of legal battles, Israel's Supreme Court last week cleared the way for the government to uproot the nearly 60-year-old Bedouin Arab village of Umm al-Hiran, a dusty hill of ramshackle dwellings without proper electricity or water hookups, and in its place build "Hiran," a new community seemingly catering to Jews that is expected to feature a hotel and

country club.

Israel says the hundreds of villagers are sitting on state-owned land slated for development and is offering them free plots in a Bedouin township just down the road. But villagers say the plan is cut-and-dry Israeli discrimination — part of a broader demographic battle over the land.

The Supreme Court says authorities should consider giving some villagers discounted

plots of land in the new development, but the villagers believe a large Bedouin population wouldn't be tolerated there. A group of religious Jewish families with ties to the West Bank settlement movement are living in a temporary encampment in a nearby forest waiting to move to the future Hiran.

Villagers say they want to maintain their rural lifestyle. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Israel's Supreme Court has cleared the way for the government to uproot the nearly 60-year-old Bedouin Arab village of Umm al-Hiran. TSAFIR ABAYOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MADAGASCAR

UN to verify pirate's treasure discovery

The United Nations is sending experts to Madagascar to assess a claim by underwater explorers that they had found treasure and the wreck of a ship belonging to the pirate known as Captain Kidd, a UN official said.

Ulrike Guerin, a specialist in underwater heritage for the UN cultural agency UNESCO, said Thursday that experts will examine artifacts at the site where American explorer Barry Clifford had been operating.

Last year, Clifford said he found the wreck of the Santa Maria, the lost flagship from Christopher Columbus' first voyage to the Western Hemisphere, during a search off the coast of Haiti. UNESCO said there was no way the wreck could be the Santa Maria because nails and pins they found there were made of a copper alloy, indicating the wreck was a more recent ship.

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Mass spying lands in Senate

U.S. SECURITY

Authorization of bulk phone data collection set to expire

After the House's lopsided bipartisan vote to end the National Security Agency's bulk collection of millions of Americans' phone records, the Senate is under considerable pressure to pass a similar measure. If it doesn't, lawmakers risk letting the authority to collect the records expire June 1, along with other important counterterrorism provisions.

The House bill, known as the USA Freedom Act, would replace bulk collection with a system to search the data held by telephone companies on a case-by-case basis. It passed 338-88.

In the 100-member Senate, however, the legislation faces a 60-vote hurdle to begin debate. A similar bill failed to do so last year after passing the House by a wide margin. And the Senate majority leader, Republican Mitch McConnell,



The National Security Agency campus in Fort Meade, Md. PATRICK SEMANSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

has expressed his opposition to the current House bill.

What's different this year, though, is that if Congress doesn't act, three provisions will expire. Not just the law authorizing the bulk collection of phone records, but also a measure allowing so-called roving wiretaps, which the

FBI uses for criminals who frequently switch cellphones. A third provision makes it easier to obtain a warrant to target a "lone wolf" terror suspect who has no provable links to a terrorist organization.

President Barack Obama supports the House legislation, which is in line with a

proposal he made last March.

The issue also has implications for the 2016 presidential contest, with Republican candidates staking out different positions.

The revelation that the NSA had for years been secretly collecting all records of U.S. land-line phone calls was among the

“We have a chance to take bipartisan action that protects Americans’ civil liberties. It would be irresponsible for us to squander this opportunity.”

Senate Minority Leader
Harry Reid

most controversial disclosures by Edward Snowden, who in 2013 leaked thousands of secret documents to journalists. He lives in exile in Moscow.

The program collects the number called, along with the date, time and duration of call, but not the content or people's names. It stores the information in an NSA database that a small number of analysts query for matches against the phone numbers of known terrorists abroad, hunting for domestic connections to plots.

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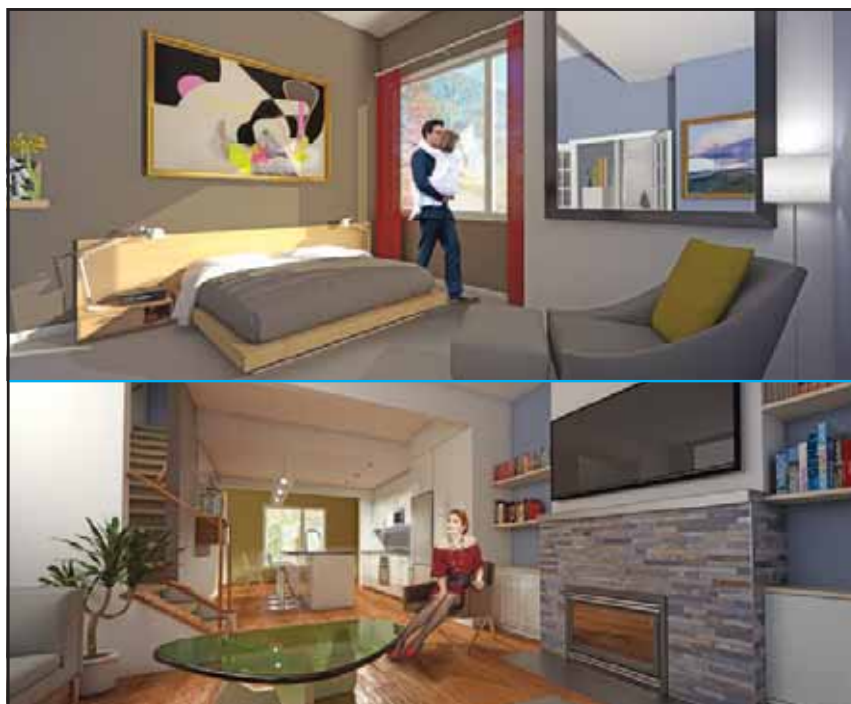
U.S. POLITICS

Trade powers bill back at table

U.S. senators of both parties worked Wednesday to revive trade legislation that's a top priority for President Barack Obama, a day after Obama's fellow Democrats repudiated him nearly unanimously on the issue.

Despite intense lobbying by Obama, every Democratic senator except one, Delaware's Tom Carper, voted on Tuesday against moving forward on legislation to award the president "fast track" authority to negotiate trade deals that can pass Congress without being amended. The vote failed 52-45, falling eight short of the 60 votes needed and dealing a stinging setback to the centerpiece of Obama's second-term economic agenda, his hopes for a landmark pact with Asian nations.

The vote laid bare the strained relations between Obama and Democrats on Capitol Hill. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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IN BRIEF

Honda recalls more cars for airbag problems

A massive new recall from Honda of vehicles with Takata airbags Thursday has brought the total recalls for the potentially deadly devices to more than 33 million.

Honda's recall of 4.89 million vehicles around the world comes a day after Toyota and Nissan announced similar recalls.

In the latest problem, a leak can happen while the vehicle is in use, causing a rupture, and the airbag could explode. The earlier recalls were for exploding airbag inflators.

No North American vehicles are affected by the latest Honda recall.

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Bombardier cutting 1,750 jobs in Canada, Ireland

Bombardier said Thursday it will cut about 1,750 employees in Montreal, Toronto and Ireland over the coming months because of weak demand for its largest business jets. Up to 1,000 of the lost jobs will be in Montreal, while 480 positions will be eliminated in Toronto and 280 in Belfast.

The cuts will begin in June and continue until the first quarter of 2016.

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Taxman raids Uber offices in Montreal

TRANSPORTATION

Investigators looking for documents, official says

Quebec tax authorities have raided two Montreal offices of Uber, the company that offers rides at prices lower than typical cab fares.

About 20 investigators executed search warrants on Thursday seeking tax-related documents,

said Stephane Dion, a spokesman for the province's revenue agency.

"The investigation has been going on for several months," Dion said in an interview.

"The goal is to obtain as much information as possible, and these documents will then be analyzed. After that, we'll be able to determine whether charges will be laid.

"Revenu Québec is responsible for applying tax laws. We have the power to recommend that charges be laid. And they can be accompanied by fines

and prison sentences of up to five years if individuals or the company are found guilty."

Asked for reaction, Uber spokeswoman Susie Heath said "we look forward to continuing to work with all stakeholders in Quebec to foster innovation, create jobs and provide consumers with much-needed affordable transit options."

The raids were conducted just more than two weeks after the City of Montreal announced it had seized 40 of the company's vehicles since the beginning of the year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CANADA POST

Mayors want in on suit

Montreal-area mayors say they hope to join a lawsuit aimed at overturning Canada's Post's decision to reduce home delivery because they say the Crown corporation is acting arrogantly and refusing to listen to their concerns.

The leaders of Montreal, Laval, Longueuil and surrounding suburbs want to obtain intervenor status in a Federal Court lawsuit filed by the union representing Canada Post employees.

Canada Post's decision was made without consulting municipalities and will hurt large numbers of seniors and people with reduced mobility, the mayors told a news conference.

Montreal Mayor Denis Coderre said cities should be "full partners" with the Crown corporation on plans to modify home-delivery services. He went so far as to threaten to make mail delivery a federal election issue this fall.

Canada Post has said it is committed to moving ahead with its plans to gradually reduce home mail delivery and install community mailboxes because of a continuing drop in letter volume.

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+ UBERX

Taxi licences

Montreal and Quebec consider UberX a form of illegal transport. UberX uses a smartphone app to link clients to drivers in privately owned vehicles, without a taxi licence.

900,000

Canada Post last year converted 100,000 addresses that had door-to-door delivery to community mailboxes. In 2015, it plans to convert 900,000 addresses.

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Metro weighs in on the news making headlines this week



A tail of woe for would-be mermaids

Swimmers are kicking up a fuss in Alberta after community pools banned mermaid fins, citing safety concerns. The trendy costumes bind the legs together tightly, making staying afloat a challenge for weaker swimmers. The province's Lifesaving Society favours a "mermaid test" of swimming ability over an outright ban, while parents say they're the best judges of their aspiring Ariels' skills.

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Police bail out befuddled teens

Two teenage boys in Barrie, Ont. took some unidentified illicit drugs and promptly called 911 on themselves—because they couldn't find their way out of the woods. It was still broad daylight when police and EMS found the 19-year-olds with the help of sniffer dogs. The young men were "extremely disoriented" and "silently staring off into the sky." No charges were laid.

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Improving kids' speech as easy as "Hola!"

You can stop teaching your two-year-old Portuguese now — just move him to Brazil. A University of Chicago study found young children who hear more than one language at home become better communicators. Using a specially designed game, researchers learned children from multilingual homes, even if not bilingual, could better understand speakers' meaning than those who only heard their native tongue.

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Goldfish get gold star for attention span

Good news! For goldfish, that is. The attention span of the notoriously dim-witted species is now apparently longer than ours. A study of the brains of 2,000 Canadians found the length of time we can focus on one thought has dropped to eight seconds from 12 in the year 2000 — around the time when the Internet started thinking for us. Goldfish can concentrate for nine seconds, swimming circles around us skills-wise. OTTAWA CITIZEN

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"Fashion may be fickle, but true style frees the mind."

No one looks like Iris Apfel.

The 93-year-old international style icon, to quote one designer, treats fashion as playfully as "a big box of Lego." Her outfits are more properly sculpture.

And like all artists, Apfel's true power is a defiantly individual imagination.

She won't be cowed to fit anyone's standards of style or thought but her own.

Apfel is the subject of *Iris*, a documentary rolling out across the country this month that follows her path from running a textile business with her husband, to interior designer for the White House, to fashion muse.

Despite the love showered on her late in life by fashion royalty after an exhibit of her wardrobe became an international sensation, she's so much more than they are. She curates fantastical outfits — collisions of colour, patterns and feathers, layers of off-beat jewelry — and radiates freedom from conformity and the power of style as art.

Apfel abhors trends — those lazy directives on how you should look, peddled by brands and magazines for profits. In interviews, she's acerbically un-intellectual about her style and uninterested in defining it.

It's an attitude reminiscent of Katherine Hepburn, the starlet who wore menswear

most of her life. Both exemplify how not to give a damn.

Apfel is a scavenger of flea markets and vintage stores. She detests head-to-toe high fashion and doesn't care what anything costs. She only cares, she's said in interviews, about how it makes her feel.

She speaks of the items of her wardrobe as loves.

"It feels good in my solar plexus," she's said of finding a new piece to add to the hundreds in her collection. "I get a good, warm feeling."

Browsing through photos of Apfel is as much of an adventure as reading Alice in Wonderland; you never know what you might see next.

The same can't be said for many of us. Self-consciousness is the rot in our closets. We're too often lured by the straightjacket of dictated taste.

But it doesn't have to be so. Apfel has no rules about how to dress. Her guide seems to be only the pure joy of self-expression.

And watching her wear whatever the hell she wants sends the message that you, too, can be different.

As one woman once told her, "I learned that if I don't have to dress like everybody else, I do not have to think like everybody else."

Fashion may be fickle, but true style frees the mind.

'FHRITP' is not the free speech cause to fight for

THE KOHLER REPORT

Rebecca Kohler



Acronyms that helped change the world: SCUBA, NAFTA, FHRITP.

For those of you who don't know or were in a coma this week, a group of Toronto soccer fans, including Shawn Simoes, argued with CityNews correspondent Shauna Hunt outside a game over the merits and "hilarity" of yelling "f-k her right in the p-y" at reporters while they try to do their jobs (a "trend" for over two years now). The spontaneous confrontation went viral, and Simoes subsequently lost his six-figure job at Hydro One. Boo her right in the hoo!

Social media has been

hot with FHRITP fever ever since. While most people I know are in favour of the Simoes vitriol, I've been surprised to see a lot of people come not only to his defence but to the defence of FHRITP itself. What gives?

Sentiments include, "It's not sexual harassment because some people yell it at men," as well as, "It's not sexist because it's funny." (This guy went to the Andrew Dice Clay school of feminism.) Politically conservative media personality Ezra Levant asked the totally-missing-the-point question, "Why is it OK for Elizabeth May to use the F-bomb in public, but not these guys?"

Have people never heard of the term "context"? The F-word by itself is not misogynistic or upsetting (except maybe to your

grandma). Follow it with the words "her" and "p-y," and all of a sudden you have what sounds like a command from one person to another to attempt sex on a woman, whether the woman would like that or not.

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There's another term for what that is, and it rhymes with "shmexual shmashassault."

I mean, if the phrase was "Eat a marshmallow on Sunday!" then this conversation would be pretty boring.

Shauna Hunt would be all, "That guy yelled that I should eat a marshmallow on Sunday!" and we'd all be like, "What a delicious idea! Everyone would be happy, except diabetics."

But the phrase is "F—k her right in the p-y." Is that sexual harassment? Is it misogynistic? First of all, yes. Second of all, who cares? Why must we define it as such to agree that it shouldn't be socially acceptable to yell it at journalists? This is like fighting for the right to insult your home with asbestos. You have the right to fight for it, but why would you want to?

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Sip 'n' surf

Java or Java, coffee shops are a hot spot to connect

While it might be your barista's brew that brings you to your local café, the free Wi-Fi is also a perk worth of which to take advantage.

More and more, people come for the free Internet and stay for the coffee.

Once a place to connect in person, neighbourhood coffee shops have also evolved into hubs for device-toting customers to connect online — whether it's video chatting over a smartphone, playing a multiplayer word game on a tablet, or surfing through social media on a laptop.

Perhaps it's no coincidence that Java is both slang for coffee and the name of a popular computer language.

"Coffee shops are still the best meeting



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places for connected people," says Daniel Bader, editor in chief of MobileSyrup, Canada's largest independent source for mobile news and reviews.

"Wi-Fi is usually free and ubiquitous, and the atmosphere is often conducive to quietly working or chatting with friends."

Free wireless, in a hot spot like a coffee shop, is especially ideal for mobile phone users looking to avoid cellular data charges. Without the right plan — one that includes unlimited data and no overage fees — data could be a pricey pain point for Canadians; using a coffee shop's Wi-Fi connection

doesn't count towards your monthly data limit (bucket), and is also ideal for those who don't have a cellular data plan at all.

"Wi-Fi offloading, the practice of moving cellular traffic to a Wi-Fi network, such as at a coffee shop, is becoming more prevalent as mobile usage increases," Bader says.



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George Miller's Mad world

MAD MAX: FURY ROAD

Director sees dystopia through lens of a doctor

IN FOCUS

Richard Crouse



George Miller has made pigs talk and penguins tap dance.

He's been a doctor and a film director. Among the bold-faced names on his resumé are the titles Babe: A Pig in the City, The Witches of Eastwick, Happy Feet 1 and 2 and Lorenzo's Oil. One name, however, looms larger than the rest: Mad Max.

Over the course of three films — Mad Max, Mad Max 2: The Road Warrior and Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome — he introduced the world to post-apocalyptic warrior Max Rockatansky, made Mel Gibson a superstar, defined dystopian cinema for a generation or two and created the phrase, "Two men enter, one man leaves."

This weekend, 30 years after the release of the last Mad Max movie, Miller revisits the character in Mad Max: Fury Road, a reboot starring Tom Hardy and Charlize Theron.

The 70-year-old director, who raised money to make the first film by working as an emergency room doctor, says the goal of the new movie was to make it "uniquely familiar."

After years of "following the CG evolution," using comput-

er-generated images to create beautiful animated films, he was keen to go back to "old school" filmmaking "with real cars and real people and real desert."

That means, unlike the Avengers and their ilk, respecting the laws of physics by using practical effects and keeping the action earthbound.

In other words, in a call back to the original films, when a car blows up, it doesn't rocket into space. Instead it explodes spectacularly but organically. The wild action you see in Fury Road are actual stunts performed by stunt men and women and not generated by a clever computer operator in a studio.

"It was like going back to your old hometown and looking at it anew," he says.

Miller reveals he originally created Max's wasteland world while practising medicine.

"I worked for two-and-a-half years in a big city hospital. I stayed registered right up past Mad Max 2: Road Warrior. I never even thought there'd be a career. I stayed as a doctor on the first Mad Max because we kept running out of money in postproduction. Then I stayed through to the second Mad Max because if you are doing stunts, you are obliged to have a doctor on set. There weren't big budgets, so I ended up running a clinic during lunch time tending to cuts, sunburns, scrapes and all that."

Tom Hardy in Mad Max: Fury Road.
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Director George Miller originally financed Mad Max by working as an ER doctor.

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His two careers have much in common, he says, adding he was "privileged with a unique point of view as a doctor."

"I don't think I'd be the filmmaker I am unless I had that medical education, in two very direct ways. Both of them have a lot of problem-solving

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

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Charlize Theron runs away with Mad Max: **Fury Road**. CONTRIBUTED

Not-so-secret feminism in Mad Max: You got a problem with that?

FURY ROAD

Charlize Theron bulldozes her way to the alpha role in Fury Road



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It's taken Australian director George Miller 30 years to bring his iconic post-apocalyptic wanderer, Mad Max, back to the screen. In the super-charged update, Tom Hardy steps in for Mel Gibson — and then just as quickly steps aside for co-star Charlize Theron, who runs away with the film as Imperator Furiosa. And, as Hardy tells us, he's just fine with that.

This isn't your dad's Mad Max

"Mad Max is not actually in the driver's seat in this movie," Hardy says. "It's about time you had better female leads in action movies. This is not a feminist argument, it's a personhood situation. This is how we ought to reflect the

times — not so much strong women, but just people. You know, you have a male and a female who are both just personhood situations on both sides of the gender. I wouldn't put it past George to come up with a transgender (hero), do you know what I mean? He's not the type of person who's going to mince his words."

The apocalypse can be good for a laugh

"There's a sense of humour that George has got, a certain fearlessness in the enjoyment of that post-apocalyptic world, demented fun," Hardy says. "There's not just, like, good versus evil, you know, or 'The Road' or something like that where everything's just like devastatingly bleak, you know? It's a carnival, sort of a circus, sort of Vaudevillian. There is something almost Terry Gilliam-esque, Monty Pythonesque, without banging the gong. There's almost a tongue-in-cheek delirium. Everything is designed as a sort of ghastly, grotesque humour."

The film has a strong feminist streak

"He's a smart man, George, so what he's doing is reflect-

ing the times as well as pioneering at the same time. He's reading the times, what's going on," Hardy explains. "And it's no surprise to me that he would use a character that is synonymous with Mel Gibson, the silhouette and the icon of Mad Max, to re-establish the world which he started off 30-something years ago, but it's very clear that actually, right down to the shoulder pad on her left arm, (Theron) is the female protagonist of this movie."

Tom is fine with not being the hero of his own movie

"I think that's very, very smart of him to deliver a female lead in Mad Max," Hardy says. "I remember talking to George back in Namibia about old-school movie star, male-female chemistry. How does the dynamic work between a strong alpha-male and a strong alpha-female on screen when you get them together. And I think in this one ... Charlize led this entire movie and it shows on screen and you can see it quite clearly. One has to yield to that. Because if you fight it, you get malletted."

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Actor makes directorial debut with a cappella comedy

Everyone warned Elizabeth Banks against filming the outdoor concert finale for Pitch Perfect 2. It was June in Baton Rouge, La. It was scorching hot, it was hurricane season, and they would have to build a full, functioning stage and recruit a small town of extras to make it believable.

But Banks knew what she wanted.

"I kept saying, 'I don't care, it's going to look cool, we've got to do it,'" said the actress, producer, and now, feature director.

It took nearly a month to build the Glastonbury Festival-inspired stage. As for the extras, the production sent out an open invitation casting call to fans of Pitch Perfect.

Over 3,000 people showed up. The massive undertaking required four all-night shoots, multiple cameras, elaborate



Elizabeth Banks on the Set of Pitch Perfect 2. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

performances and a tolerance for mysterious bug bites. Banks even took responsibility for the crowd's waning energy.

"At one point, she went out on stage and started whipping them into a frenzy," said Banks' husband and producing partner,

Max Handelman. But the crowd really lost it when she brought a few Bellas out, too.

"It was her connecting the fans with the girls and letting everyone know that this was a big deal," said Handelman.

It's no secret that Pitch Per-

fect has fans to spare. Universal Pictures' modest 2012 comedy about a college a cappella group (the Bellas) racked up \$113 million worldwide and an additional \$103 million in home video sales.

As plans for a sequel started to take shape, the first film's



I feel that I have more to offer this business and that I was being underused,

Elizabeth Banks, on her directorial debut

director, Jason Moore, signed on to the Tina Fey-Amy Poehler comedy Sisters, and suddenly Pitch Perfect 2 needed a director.

Banks, known for roles in The 40-Year-Old Virgin and The Hunger Games, had been thinking about directing for some time.

She directed plays at the University of Pennsylvania, and had been taking on small projects over the past few years to learn as much as she could.

Plus, as a producer and actor on the first film, Banks already knew the a cappella world and had the trust of returning cast like Anna Kendrick and Rebel Wilson.

"Right as I was raising my hand to do it, the studio said, 'Why don't you do it?'" she said.

The Bellas, this time, are trying to claw their way back to the top after a high-profile embarrassment.

"I certainly did not plan for my feature directorial debut to be a giant musical," she laughed. But she dove in and endeavored to make everything — costumes, performances and stakes — bigger.

There's even a cameo by Pitch Perfect superfans the Green Bay Packers.

"I knew it would probably change my life. I also knew that I had to say yes. Women just don't get offered these opportunities," said Banks.

For the over four-months-long shoot, Banks relocated to Baton Rouge with her husband and two sons and "lived like a monk." She put in her 12 hours on set, spent as much time with her children as possible, and slept.

"I'm a wonderful multi-tasker ... as are most moms that I know. That helps," she said.

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Q&A

Adam DeVine talks happy accidents and Rebel Wilson



Ned Ehrbar
Metro Life

Adam DeVine didn't initially think much of 2012's Pitch Perfect, which he totally owns up to.

"Just because I'm generally ill-prepared and smoke too much weed, I thought the first movie was a baseball movie when I went to the audition," he remembers. "And then I get there and there's all these super-handsome dudes with abs in their cheeks, and they're all singing."

He managed to wing it well enough to earn the role of Bumper, the first film's sort-of villain, but any antagonism is gone for Pitch Perfect 2, as he explains in an interview with Metro.

Bumper is working as a campus security guard in the sequel. Did you do any ride-alongs to prepare?

Well, the campus security part of the movie isn't that detailed. I basically just wear a T-shirt. I'm not really securing much. You don't delve into that backstory too deeply. But to answer your question, no. Not at all. I did make out with Rebel (Wilson) several



Adam DeVine works some onscreen romance with Rebel Wilson in Pitch Perfect 2. UNIVERSAL PICTURES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

times before just to see how well our lips worked together. That was our ride-along. She's a killer smoocher. That girl has big old full lips, like little pillows.

You have a weirdly detailed Wikipedia page.

When I first moved to L.A. I needed to have a bio, and I hadn't done anything besides a few high school plays and hosting a pep rally or whatever, so I just cut and pasted Denzel Washington's bio as a joke. So it was like, "Adam DeVine, star of Man on Fire and Training Day," and then it said stuff like, "went to Fordham University, studied

at the American Conservatory of Dramatic Arts in San Francisco." Everything else they caught eventually, but somehow the Fordham and American Conservatory stuff have stayed, so people think I'm, like, very well educated.

But the part about you getting hit by a cement truck?

I was hit but by a cement truck when I was a kid, and I couldn't walk for a couple of years. That was a huge turning point in my life. I'm glad it happened because I don't think my parents would've allowed me to move to L.A. when I was 18 to pursue my career.

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PLAYING THE GOOD GUY

Surrender to the moment, says Matthias Schoenaerts

The Belgian actor Matthias Schoenaerts (*Rust and Bone*) is on record as loving spontaneity — something that doesn't go with tight pants and forced dancing. Luckily new costume drama *Far from the Madding Crowd* largely takes place outside and deals with complicated emotions. He plays Gabriel, arguably the most lucky suitor of Carey Mulligan's Bathsheba Everdene, Thomas Hardy's fiercely independent protagonist.

Gabriel is a little more accessible than some characters you've played.

Normally I like very ambiguous characters who have a lot of contradictions and a lot of contrasts. And here is this guy who's good, but in the purest sense of the word. He's selfless, he's loyal, he's truthful, he's righteous. It's so rare, and these qualities are so admirable. At the same time that's an extreme challenge. One-dimensional goodness is not interesting. But this kind of goodness, so layered and so emotionally charged — that is something to go on as an actor. I learned a lot from him.

He has this adaptability and sustainability that's pretty disarming.

And even after the reversal of fortune, this guy, he never falls back into complaining, self-pity. He loves this person, even though she hurt him real

bad. She broke his heart into pieces. He'll still be the most loyal friend you can imagine, and gives you very honest advice about what you should do. That honesty can be pretty disturbing. But he's never trying to hurt her. He's trying to tell her what is right, and she just can't take it.

You've spoken in the past about loving the spontaneity that happens when the camera is rolling.

I never believe there's one right way to do a scene. When you're on set you just have to stay open and find a way to create a scene so that it feels true. There's no such thing as right or wrong; there is a thing called true or fake. That I believe in; that is something I can work with. Because right or wrong — that's an intellectual concept that doesn't fit with what I think art should be about.

What's true and what's fake can always be in flux.

Totally. That's why you have to keep it moving and surrender to the moment. And don't be afraid to be bad. You have to be playful, like a kid. That's what acting should be.

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Matthias Schoenaerts.
CONTRIBUTED



Juno Temple as Fanny in *Far from the Madding Crowd*. CONTRIBUTED

Juno Temple on fate

COSTUME DRAMA

Far from the Madding Crowd actress on not being afraid

Matt Prigge
Metro in New York City

Every English actor has to do period, but Juno Temple has only done a couple, and one of those was Paul W.S. Anderson's renegade action version of *The Three Musketeers*. The new stab at Thomas Hardy's *Far from the Madding Crowd*, starring Carey Mulligan as proto-feminist Bathsheba Everdene, is more traditional, but still modern in many ways. Temple has the small but key role of Fanny, the fiancée

of dashing Sgt. Troy (Tom Sturridge), who winds up destitute after the simple mistake of going to the wrong church on their wedding day.

This isn't a typical English lit costume drama.

It feels pretty timeless, doesn't it? Obviously esthetically it looks like a period film, but at the same time you have such a relatable storyline of an incredibly brilliant woman who is very independent, very brave, feisty and not controlled by men at all.

Another thing is that it takes place largely outside and features a fair amount of dirt.

I was covered in dirt quite a lot of the time. But the costumes were actually so fashionable. They were using the designs and shapes of the time period, but they could have been

in an Alexander McQueen runway show. ... (the corsets) really change the way you hold yourself. It really helps you step into a character from that time.

What was your big in for Fanny?

The body fragility was key, especially while she's pregnant and starving. ... Her body is giving everything to this child, so her life is literally being sucked out of her.

The idea of fortunes turning so quickly is slightly alien to us now.

Circumstances like that are so frustrating because it's out of your control. People always question fate — do you believe in fate or do you believe in coincidence? Some people are like, "Absolutely not. I'm in control of it." Some people say,

"I completely succumb to it." I've got to say I do believe in it.

You have an unusually diverse body of work. How conscious are you of choosing wildly different roles?

I listen to everybody; I learn from everybody I meet. I'm like a sponge. I think it's just important to try different things. I find it exciting to play complex women ... It's important to not be afraid of things that might be difficult or might be new to you. You get to step into the shoes of some f—ing amazing characters that you wouldn't necessarily think about if you weren't in this line of work ... I want to do it till the day I die because I'm never going to be perfect at it. I love the idea of never being so good that you think, "Oh, I already did that." That's so cool.

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In *Big Muddy*, Nadia Litz plays Martha, a single mom caught in a web of crime and desperation. CONTRIBUTED

Litz gets gritty in thriller *Big Muddy*

NEW FILM

Actress embraces her messy female character

Chris Alexander
Metro | Life

Actress Nadia Litz is a force of nature. The petite-in-stature-but-towering-in-presence Canadian performer is not only a noted thespian, she's a producer, director and an intellectual who is currently hard at work editing her feature directorial debut. In the meantime, however, Litz stars in new Canadian thriller *Big Muddy*, a gritty film that casts her as Martha, a troubled single mother caught in a web of crime and desperation and a woman who defies the traditional template of female protagonist.

"I think Martha is an anti-hero," Litz says. "(Director) Jefferson

(Moneo) was playing with western tropes, playing the idea of a character that is really a mess; a female who is making choices that conflict with her family life. Some will find her villainous, selfish and a terrible mom but some will find her heroic and just trying to find her independence."

Big Muddy (named after the Saskatchewan prairie town that Martha and her son seek refuge in) is an atmospheric and brooding film with an orchestral score that would feel at home in a Brian De Palma picture. But although the movie plays with traditional American genre tropes, there is still something uniquely Canadian about it; a kind of Canuck Gothic, if you will.

"This is a neo-noir," Litz says, "and that's my favourite genre. Jefferson knew from reading my Facebook page what movies I was interested in; we had the same vernacular. There's a lot of Bonnie and Clyde in here; a lot of *The Searchers*. But there's a rich history of outlaws in the badlands of Saskatchewan, and that kind

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This is a neo-noir and that's my favourite genre

Nadia Litz

of mythmaking is something Canadian movies rarely explore."

Litz's aforementioned directorial debut is called *The People Garden*, another riff on the traditional noir, about a woman named Sweetpea (played by Dree Hemingway, Ernest's granddaughter) who goes to Japan to potentially break up with her boyfriend only to find he's gone missing. A serpentine detective story ensues, with Sweetpea's emotional conflict about her lover matched by her obsession to find him.

"I want to create roles for women that are as exciting as the kind of roles, say, Jack Nicholson would have gotten. Strong, complicated characters who make difficult decisions. And I will do this, whether it's me playing them or creating them."

MAGGIE

Arnold's zombie flick all heart



Schwarzenegger is a dad trying to protect his daughter in the zombie drama *Maggie*. CONTRIBUTED

With *Maggie*, Arnold Schwarzenegger is getting something he's not used to: acclaim for his serious acting. In the zombie drama — not horror film, but an actual drama — he plays Walt, an unusually buff Midwestern dad watching over his teenage daughter (Abigail Breslin), who has been bitten by one of the undead and is gradually turning herself. It's a rare case where his muscles and brawn won't help, and for the onetime Predator star, that was a real thrill.

Why it's unusual:

"It's the most human story that I've done. It's the most human character that I've

played. It's the most human zombie movie that was ever made. I can't even (think of a zombie movie) that focused so much on people and the dilemma that this man is in. There is baggage that I bring to the movie, being an action hero and all of a sudden I can't overcome this challenge and become very volatile as a character. That appealed to me."

Doing drama:

"It is very draining. The brain takes much more energy than the body does.... I remember when I was in the governor's office, I was totally wiped out in the evening. It was the same here. It's tough, but at

the same time you're having such a great time doing it. You feel so passionate about the character and the movie is so fun to do. But you do get wiped out."

His character's reluctance to let his daughter be taken away: "Under normal circumstances she should have been quarantined, but as a father you can't let that happen. You can't just send someone to quarantine to get this painful shot and then she dies slowly. I could not let that happen as a dad. Therefore I protect her as much as I could."

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FAST FOOD

Premium burger market in Canada keeps growing

The fast-food burger keeps getting more upmarket and expensive, and an analyst says that trend isn't going away.

Last year, Canadians bought nearly 15 million burgers at an average price of \$6.05, says Robert Carter of NPD Group, which represented a four per cent price increase compared to 2013.

He notes growth in the burger business over the last five years has been dramatic, with "a lot of focus on the premium, high-end burgers with a lot of dialogue around the local and hormone-free and what I'll call the 'better-for-you' style burger."

"Almost every restaurant now talks about hormone-free, or Canadian farmers, or antibiotic-free, or organic," Carter says.

"It's catering to the consumer demand to understand more about the foods that they're eating, and that also leads into the perception of health and wellness."

Bareburger, an American chain of organic burger restaurants, opened its 23rd location — and first outside the U.S. — in Toronto in January.

Euripides Pelekanos started grilling organic burgers at his nightclub in Brooklyn, N.Y., before opening the first Bareburger in 2009.

The menu caters not only to lovers of meat, but also vegans and vegetarians, and those on gluten-free, paleo and low-carb diets.

The full-service licensed restaurant offers burgers made of beef, bison,

wild boar, elk, duck and turkey, with toppings ranging from pineapple relish and tomato fig jam to wild mushrooms and smoke sauce. Vegetarian patties

UPMARKET
Many Canadians will shell out extra for a burger they believe to be of high quality. If it costs too little, more discerning consumers may think it's inferior and won't purchase it, analyst Robert Carter says.

15 million

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The Blue Elk from Bareburger features elk, Amish blue cheese, back bacon, stout onions and tomato fig jam on a sprout bun. HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Shant Mardirosian of Burger's Priest

sensed an opportunity in Canada, including Five Guys Burgers and Fries, Wahlburgers and Carl's Jr.

But that's not to say home-grown upscale burger shops aren't doing well.

Shant Mardirosian, who

+ AT A PRICE

Bareburger's basic combo comes in at \$17

At Bareburger, a basic burger, fries and a bottled water will set you back around \$17 after tax. Indulge in all the fancy stuff — say a bison burger with cheese, brisket and guacamole — and a combo rings in at about \$28 after tax.

"These are extremely delicate, high-quality (burgers). There's been a lot of work sourcing these ingredients and there's unfortunately a price that comes along with that," says Pelekanos.

launched a tiny Burger's Priest location in 2010, now has six in Toronto, one in Guelph, Ont., and one in Edmonton.

Mardirosian, who attended seminary school and uses aspects of his Christian faith as a marketing tool, says simplicity and freshness are the hallmarks of his classic American-style cheeseburgers, with premium beef patties on a soft white bun.

"We grind our beef on site and that beef is never used the next day," he says.

"If we run out of meat, we close the doors and sell out. If we have beef left over, we fry it up and make chili out of it for our chili cheese fries."

Business is booming and Mardirosian is opening five more shops, including one at Toronto's Union Station and others in Ottawa and Calgary.

When The Burger's Priest opened five years ago, Mardirosian's cheeseburger was \$4.99. Now it's \$5.79.

"You can get away with a cheeseburger combo for about \$12. Considering we use four ounces of premium beef, compared to some of the fast-food joints where they're charging \$9, for an extra \$3 I think it's quite a bargain." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Spike Lee defends movie title

'CHIRAQ'

Director says artist's job is to hold mirror up to society

Oscar-nominated filmmaker Spike Lee appeared on Chicago's South Side Thursday with parents who have lost children to the city's gun and gang violence

to defend his choice to make a movie about the city with the Iraq-inspired title Chirac.

Lee has faced criticism from Chicago officials over the title (pronounced shy-Rak) that combines Chicago and Iraq. Mayor Rahm Emanuel has told the director that it was unfair to the people in the Englewood neighbourhood where the film takes place.

But Lee said that it's an artist's job to hold a mirror up

to what is happening in the world without fear in order to tell the truth.

"This is not a joke. This is not a game," Lee said at a news conference. "This is real life and death and that's the way we're going to approach this."

Actor John Cusack, a native of Chicago, said he was proud to be in the film.

Lee appeared alongside parents holding photographs of the children they lost to the

city's violence.

Among them was Sarah Turner, whose 42-year-old son, Michael, was shot four times in the back in 2013.

No one was ever arrested in the killing. She said the movie title was appropriate.

"Because it is what it is — it's a war zone," she said.

Lee said that 14 people were shot overnight in Chicago, and three of them were killed.

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Flanked by parents holding photographs of children they've lost to gun violence, Spike Lee defends his movie Chirac.

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ACTION Mad Max

Director: George Miller
Starring: Tom Hardy, Charlize Theron

Filmmaker George Miller gears up for another post-apocalyptic action adventure with Fury Road, the fourth outing in the Mad Max film series. Charlize Theron stars alongside Tom Hardy (Bronson), plus Zoe Kravitz, Adelaide Clemens and Rosie Huntington-Whiteley.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: Audience:
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COMEDY Pitch Perfect 2

Director: Elizabeth Banks
Starring: Anna Kendrick, Rebel Wilson

Surprise hit Pitch Perfect gets sequelized in this Universal Pictures production once again scripted by Kay Cannon.

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DRAMA Far From the Madding Crowd

Director: Thomas Vinterberg
Starring: Carey Mulligan, Tom Sturridge

Based on the literary classic by Thomas Hardy, Far From the Madding Crowd is the story of headstrong Bathsheba Everdene, who attracts three very different suitors.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE

Critics: Audience:
84% 76%



DRAMA Big Muddy

Director: Jeff Moneo, Jefferson Moneo
Starring: Nadia Litz, Justin Kelly

An outlaw tale played out as a modern-day murder ballad, Big Muddy follows grifter Martha Barlow, who must come to terms with her dark past after her teenage son commits a horrible crime.

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Simpsons could be losing iconic voice

CONTRACT DISPUTE

Harry Shearer tweets that he's leaving show after 26 years

An escalating contract dispute suggests that Harry Shearer may be exiting The Simpsons, where he has voiced several of its characters since the Fox cartoon series debuted in 1989.

In a pair of Twitter posts on Thursday, Shearer said re-upping with the show would have denied him "what we've always had: the freedom to do other work."

Hours later, Simpsons executive producer Al Jean tweeted, "The show will go on, made by people who love it..." In another post, he resolved to "re-cast if Harry does not return." Yet another tweet seemed to leave the door open for a rapprochement: "In life I never say never."

Shearer voices characters including Simpsons neighbour Ned Flanders, billionaire Mr. Burns and his kowtowing aide, Smithers.

Fox recently announced picking up The Simpsons for two more seasons — its 27th and 28th.

A statement from Jean and fellow Simpsons



What will become of stupid, sexy Flanders? Harry Shearer, the voice behind The Simpsons' mustachioed neighbour, Mr. Burns, Smithers and dozens of other characters, says he is not returning to the show. PHOTOS: FOX VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

executive producers James L. Brooks and Matt Groening said Shearer "was offered the same deal the rest of the cast accepted, and passed."

Shearer did not respond to a request for comment.

The multi-tasking Shearer, 71, has charted a diverse career as an actor, writer, musician and producer, both before and since becoming part of the Simpsons troupe. Also known for his starring role in the

1984 mockumentary classic This Is Spinal Tap, as well as for hosting public radio's weekly Le Show for more than 30 years, he recently produced and starred in Nixon's The One, portraying President Richard Nixon in a TV dramatization of the secret White House tapes.

Thursday's public acknowledgement of the ongoing dispute, he tweeted, was prompted by word from the lawyer of Simpsons executive producer Brooks that declared, "Show will go on, Harry will not be part of it, wish him the best."

Shearer tweeted, "Of course, I wish him the very best." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UPCOMING PROJECTS

The Office spinoff movie, Pablo Escobar biopic land Cannes deals

A film version of The Office with Ricky Gervais and a Pablo Escobar biopic with husband-and-wife stars Javier Bardem and Penelope Cruz were among the projects landing deals at the Cannes Film Festival as it entered its second day on Thursday.

Gervais's excruciating office boss will get the feature-length treatment after BBC Films and Entertainment One announced they were backing Life on the Road, according to the Hollywood Reporter.

The film will follow David Brent — a character made

famous by Gervais and later adopted by Steve Carell for the American version — as he tries to self-finance a tour of his rock band.

There was also a lot of buzz around the festival on the French Riviera about a new film based on the 2007 memoir Loving Pablo, Hating

Escobar written by one of the drug kingpin's lovers, trade magazine Variety reported.

It will star Bardem and Cruz — both Oscar winners who married in 2010 — and be financed by French filmmaker Luc Besson's production company.

Both The Office and Escobar are due to start shooting later this year. AFP

Ricky Gervais
AFP





Columnist Jessica Allen would eat KFC for her last meal (hold the chicken). HANDOUT

Food for the apocalypse



INSPIRED BY

Mad Max ate dog food, but Campbell's soup would do

THE TV DINNER

Jessica Allen



Even post-apocalypse, the question of what's for dinner must loom large.

Except for maybe Max Rockatansky. In the trailer for *Mad Max: Fury Road*, Max, played by Tom Hardy, barely has time to take a washroom break in the desolate desert where oil, water, law and humanity are scarce, let alone muse about lunch.

If he's not driving a tanker, he's trapezing like a Cirque du Soleil performer between them.

Nor does mealtime appear to be on the minds of his co-stars: Emperor Furiosa, played by Charlize Theron, is trying to get

back to her childhood homeland while simultaneously rescuing the five young wives of *Fury Road*'s villain, Immortan Joe, whose horse-like respirator would make having even a cup of coffee taxing.

But how would chefs fair in a dystopia?

Plenty of them have revealed what their last supper would be, if they had the means of orchestrating it. Martin Picard, for example, would start with a kilo of caviar accompanied by blinis followed by raw tuna and soy sauce.

It's a question I love hearing answered by chefs, but one I have no interest in responding to myself, perhaps because I'm embarrassed to admit my last supper would be KFC — hold the chicken, bring on the French fries with sides of gravy and that radioactive-looking coleslaw.

But the trouble with the apocalypse is that no one knows exactly when it will hit, which is precisely why some chefs' skill sets will have readied them well: Noma's Rene Redzepi, for example, could scavenge for edible bark, berries and maybe the oc-

casional woodcock.

Hunting and foraging, however, would only last for so long in the world of *Mad Max*, which hasn't been seen on a screen in 30 years. *Fury Road*, which opens on May 15, marks creator and director George Miller's first live-action feature since *Babe 2: Pig in the City*.

In 1981's *Mad Max: The Road Warrior*, which I watched obsessively in my youth, Gibson's Max eats dog food out of a can. Now, that's more like it.

Beyoncé and Jay Z, with their 22-day vegan challenge, would have to adjust.

But I'd be just fine. I'd forage all of the Campbell's bean with bacon I could find.

Coincidentally, it smells exactly like dog food when it's first opened but with the addition of a little water and heat it transforms into a hearty meal. It goes better with a side of grilled cheese but hey, it's the end of the world. I'll take the soup.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's *The Social*

FROM SCREEN TO STAGE; FROM COMIC TO SCREEN

Deborah Cox to star in *The Bodyguard* tour

Toronto native Deborah Cox has been tapped to lead a North American tour of *The Bodyguard* next year.

The stage musical based on the 1992 movie starring Whitney Houston and Kevin Costner opened in London in 2012 starring Heather Headley to mixed reviews.

Grammy-nominated Cox has released six albums since 1995, with perhaps her most famous single being *Nobody's Supposed to Be Here*.

She made her Broadway debut in Elton John and Tim

Rice's musical *Aida* and most recently starred opposite Constantine Maroulis in a revival of *Jekyll & Hyde*.

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Luc Besson adapting sci-fi comic *Valerian*

Adapted from a long-running science-fiction comic series, *Valerian* will star Dane DeHaan and Cara Delevingne with Luc Besson directing.

Announcing the project with his first tweet, Besson revealed the film's full title as *Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets*. It recalls



Cara Delevingne
GETTY IMAGES

the second and third major story arcs devised by French cartoonists Pierre Christin and Jean-Claude Mézières, *The City of Shifting Waters* and *Empire of a Thousand Planets*.

A theatrical release is proposed for 2017, coinciding with the comic's 50th anniversary. AFP

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Most hated drivers

Do you text and drive? Not only are you likely breaking local traffic laws, but you're also the scourge of fellow drivers, according to Expedia's 2015 Road Rage Report ranking the most infuriating driving behaviours. As we head into the Victoria Day long weekend that unofficially kick-starts the launch of summer and road tripping, here's a breakdown from the report of the biggest driver pet peeves **AFP**

THE TEXTER 26%

The worst. For the second year in a row, The Texter outranked Tailgaters and Left Lane Hogs by a mile, with more than a quarter (26 per cent) of the 1,000 respondents agreeing that those who dare to text and drive are the worst violators of road etiquette.

PASSENGER PET PEEVES

• **Backseat Drivers.** Passengers, meanwhile, may want to refrain from backseat-driving, cited as the top peeve by more than half (52 per cent) of respondents.

• **Reluctant Co-pilots.** At the other end of the spectrum, the Reluctant Co-pilot — the lazy passenger who leaves all the navigating to the driver and won't open a map — ranked second, followed by the Radio Hog, Snoozer, Shoe Remover, and Snacker.

THE TAILGATER 13%

Also annoying. Tailgaters, those irritating and dangerous drivers with serious personal space and patience issues, ranked second at 13 per cent, followed closely (pun intended) by The Left Lane Hog (12 per cent), The Crawler, (10 per cent) and The Multitasker, (7 per cent).

THE LEFT LANE HOG 12%

THE CRAWLER 10%

THE MULTITASKER 7%

THE DRIFTER 7%

RUDEST DRIVERS

New York drivers appear to have the worst reputation in the U.S., with 42 per cent of respondents naming the city home to the rudest drivers, followed by Los Angeles (32 per cent) and Chicago (18 per cent).

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IF YOU GO
The Go Bike Montreal Festival runs from May 24 to 31.

Chantal Doiron (right) leads a bike tour past Notre-Dame Basilica in Montreal. RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cycling to take over Montreal

QUEBEC

Go Bike festival offers new way to see sights

A city that already carries the distinction of being North America's most bike-friendly city, Montreal puts its love of cycling on display at the end of May each year.

The week-long Go Bike Montreal Festival pays hom-

age to that cycling culture, comprising a number of events geared toward riders of all experiences and ages.

"Bicycles are now part of the DNA of Montreal," says Joelle Sevigny of Vélo Québec, which organizes the event. "It's quite an amazing experience to discover a city this way. It's quite a blast."

The May 24 to 31 Go Bike festival includes three major rides culminating with the marquee event: the Tour de l'Île de Montreal.

Into its 31st year, the island-

wide tour allows riders to explore Montreal with a different route each year, extending through some 22 towns and boroughs. You can go at your own pace — the tour has a variety of distances for all riders, ranging from 28 kilometres to 100 kilometres.

"It's the first gathering of the season," Sevigny says of the May 31 event. "Some people get out there and do the full route, but the idea is to just get out there and ride."

Several other events throughout the week can help

you get warmed up.

Kicking off the event on May 24 is the Metropolitan Challenge, a recreational ride with no podium and no clock. This year's event will trace a route that begins and ends in Chateauguay, Que., south of Montreal.

For those who prefer cycling under the stars, the Tour la Nuit is a 21-kilometre ride on May 29 and offers a unique, nocturnal experience. It drew 17,000 riders last year.

Sevigny says almost a quarter of the participants at the

festival travel at least 40 kilometres to attend and many from even further.

"It's the only place in North America where we have a bike fest," Sevigny says. "The whole province of Quebec is really renowned for its festivals and this event is very unique to the province."

In general, Montreal's reputation as a cycling tourism hot spot is growing, in part thanks to 600 kilometres of dedicated bike paths and the popular bike share program Bixi.

An Old Montreal bike shop

and tour operator chalks it up to tourists wanting to sight-see differently. André Giroux, owner of Ca Roule, offers various rides and tours with themes like architecture, history and gastronomy.

This year, Giroux says he's adding a new street food bike tour to coincide with the recent arrival of the foodie phenomenon. "Cycling is a new way to take in a city and people are always looking for alternative ways to see a town," Giroux said.

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St. Lucia defines holiday

ON THE MOVE

Loren Christie

Canadians seem programmed to seek out the Caribbean only when there is snow on the ground but the island of St. Lucia offers compelling reasons to take a summer vacation down south.

BEAUTY

The most recognizable image of St. Lucia is of the picturesque and UNESCO-protected Pitons, a pair of lush volcanic spires rising out of the water on the southwest corner of the island. The hike to the top of Gros Piton is well worth the couple of hours it will take you.

Other areas of the island offer a stunning mix of rain-forest, beach and enough mountainous terrain to ensure jaw-dropping views from every vantage point.

ACTIVITIES

St. Lucia is not considered one of the Caribbean's premiere scuba-diving destina-

tions, but it should be.

A dive to the Lesleen 'M' Wreck with Dive Saint Lucia convinced me of that.

The small ship was deliberately sunk in 1985 and is covered from bow to stern in anemones and colourful fire coral.

As we explored the open cargo holds, schools of electric blue fish poured down the sides of the ship like cascading waterfalls.

Other activities include rock climbing, zip-lining and lathering up in the volcanic mud baths of Sulphur Springs Park, which is considered a rite of passage for any visitor to the island.

CULTURE

Independent since 1979, the culture of St. Lucia remains a mix of French, British and Creole. The best way to experience it is to put yourself in the path of the friendly locals.

Chat with a vendor over a cup of coffee at the Saturday market in Soufrière or check out Jump Up, a street party complete with music, food and locally made rum that takes place every Friday



Kick back at the Ladera Resort in St. Lucia. PETER REMUS

night in the town of Castries.

HOTELS

The islands' hotels have created niches to suit every taste, whether you are traveling solo or as a family.

The stunning Ladera Resort is a couples-only resort, which sets the standard for romantic getaways. With open-air rooms complete with furniture and case goods made by local wood carvers, giant showers tiled with playful mosaics and private plunge pools all uniquely positioned with a view be-

tween the Pitons, you can't help but get in the mood.

Rendezvous is another couples-only resort popular with people planning a destination wedding. The resort will make an exception for your single mother-in-law ... if you really want to bring her.

The BodyHoliday is a wellness resort on the northwest side of the island offering everything from massages to complete seven-day overhauls of your body, inside and out.

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A dive to the Lesleen 'M' Wreck in St. Lucia reveals a world of colour. HENLEY SPIERS/DIVE SAINT LUCIA



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New domestic WestJet flights

Airline WestJet has spread its wings with a number of new, daily non-stop services in Canada. In the west, these include flights between Calgary and Terrace, B.C., and Calgary and Yellowknife. In the east, there are now flights between Toronto and Gander, N.L. Keep an eye out in mid-July for new flights between Halifax and Sydney, and Halifax and Gander, Deer Lake, and St. John's.

Bucket List: St. Ives, England

With the Gulf Stream ensuring warm summers, this Cornwall holiday town on the Celtic Sea is consistently voted the best seaside spot in Britain. Find fisherman's cottages, cobblestone streets, coastal footpaths, art galleries — including an outpost of London's Tate Gallery — and golden sand under your feet at four beaches. Take the train. Visit StIves-Cornwall.co.uk.

Emergency contact

Both social network Facebook and search giant Google have waded into natural disaster relief in the best way they know how: Facebook's Safety Check notifies you in the event of a natural or humanitarian disaster to ask if you're safe, then informs friends and family; and Google's Person Finder (Google.org/personfinder) lets you search for a data roundup of specific people following a disaster. DOUG WALLACE

ALBANIA

Tunnels, bunkers to woo visitors

This summer Albania plans to debut what it hopes will become a new selfie spot for tourists: Sazan Island, a former military base that still has bunkers and tunnels designed to withstand nuclear attack.

"What once was an isolated, unreachable spot, a mystery to almost all Albanians but a few then-communist leaders, may now turn into an attractive place, especially for foreign tourists," says Auron Tare of Albania's National Coastal Agency.

Sazan Island is still technically a military base, but only two sailors remain, offering night shelter to navies patrolling Albanian waters. "It's a mysterious

island, part of the old communist Albania's mystery," says Celine Damery of France's Conservatoire du Littoral, which conserves coastal areas.

In the trenches

The island's many trenches and tunnels show how much money the once cash-strapped communist government spent fearing a Western invasion. But now they're hoping Westerners will come, both to see Sazan and the country's other attractions — unspoiled beaches, tall mountains and history going back to ancient Greece.

Walking uphill on a mile-long pathway through pine trees and

singing birds, many of the 3,600 one-man bunkers can still be seen dotting the hills, often in the shade of wild fig trees. It's not easy getting inside the bunkers though: They're still guarded — by lizards and the occasional snake. Inland, the spooky, ruined buildings still contain old beds, kitchen utensils, school benches and chairs.

The island needs power and drinking water installed before tourists can arrive, but Tare has lots of ideas for Sazan's future. Anti-nuclear tunnels would be cool for visitors on hot summer days, and could maybe even be repurposed as wine cellars, Tare says. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jeri Beach reveals dunes, donkeys

BRAZIL

Retreat offers surfing, carnival-like atmosphere

At the first donkey sighting, you know you're in for more than just a regular few days at the beach.

Twisting around sand dunes and scrubland in a 4x4 with the tires deflated for better traction is a surreal experience, like you're auditioning for *The Amazing Race*. Then, the town of Jericoacoara appears out of nowhere, popping out from behind the dunes.

Located about 300 kilometres northwest of Fortaleza in the Brazilian state of Ceará, Jeri Beach, population 1,200, was once a simple fishing village without electricity, roads or telephones. Now, it's a full-on beach retreat, complete

with kite and wind surfing, dune buggies and drivers to hire, surfing lessons to take, sand boards to rent for \$1 an hour, palapas to sit under and beer to drink.

The town's tourism boom is fairly recent history: Visitors started arriving in 1985; surfers lured by the calm seas and high waves. Electricity followed in 1998, and the region became a national park in 2002. Because there are still no roads, all the supplies for each and every hotel and business are trucked in

over the dunes. A medical helicopter is on hand for emergencies and plans for an airport are in the works.

As for must-dos, once you've visited Pedra Furada's photogenic seaside rock formation, short hops by 4x4 are the order of the day.

Beach club bliss

A chilled-out vibe prevails at nearby Paradise Beach, a freshwater lagoon about 20 minutes away, quiet and unfussy, rather bohemian. This is the best beach club in the area,

the perfect spot to sip your caipirinha, Brazil's national cocktail.

Just make sure you're back in Jeri before nightfall, when tourists and townspeople congregate on the giant Sunset Dune at the water's edge west of town to watch the sun sink behind the sea, the horseback riders and the determined sand boarders. This is also where you can watch the spins and kicks of kids performing the capoeira, a Brazilian martial art that dates back to the 16th century. Part dance, part game of combat, it is spurred on by singing chants and acoustic music played on traditional instruments.

After sundown, an almost carnival-like atmosphere emerges along the sandy, unlit streets as people weave their way through market stalls and beach bars, the ever-present smell of barbecue in the air.

On your way out of town, you can understand why the wild donkeys — once domestic pack animals for the fishermen — never left this place.



Dune buggies ready to roll (above), and the town in Jeri Beach. DOUG WALLACE



You won't want to either.

If you go

Intrepid Travel offers a guided tour to Jericoacoara within a new, 14-day Northern Brazil carbon-offset experience launching this June from Rio de Janeiro, ending in Fortaleza. Visit IntrepidTravel.com.

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Horseback riding on Jeri Beach. DOUG WALLACE

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GM eager to sign Giordano

FLAMES
Treiving has to wait until July to ink captain to deal

There's one cheque Calgary Flames general manager Brad Treiving can't wait to write, but he's going to have to.

Flames captain Mark Giordano has one year remaining on a five-year contract. Under the collective bargaining agreement, Treiving says he can't officially sign the 31-year-old defenceman to an extension until July 1.

"Mark Giordano is the number one priority for this summer," the GM said this week.

"That is one we hope to get wrapped up very quickly this summer."

Despite missing the last quarter of the regular season, Giordano posted a career-high 48 points in 61 games to finish fifth on the Flames.

The six-foot, 200-pound rear-guard was on track for Norris Trophy consideration when he tore his bicep Feb. 25 in a road game against the New Jersey Devils.

Giordano watched from the press box as his team secured a playoff berth in the last home game of the regular season and got in 11 playoff games before bowing out to the Anaheim Ducks this past Sunday.

Treiving believes Giordano's leadership style was a difference-maker in Calgary's surprising run to the second round of playoffs.

"I think everybody in this



Flames captain Mark Giordano missed a quarter of the season but still posted 48 points in 68 games. The defenceman was also named to the all-star team. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

room knows what Mark means to this team, both on and off the ice," Treiving said.

"He's a culture-setter for me. You can't win on the ice until you have the right culture off the ice. He sets that for us, so he's the priority."

Giordano's previous five-year extension signed in 2010 was worth \$20.1 million.

“You want to stick around and be here for a long time, hopefully the rest of my career. Mark Giordano

At an annual average of \$4.02 million, the captain wasn't the highest-paid Flame this past season. Defenceman Dennis Wideman was at \$5.25 million.

"I'm sure Tree and myself will have a discussion and talk about things," Giordano said.

"I want to stay here and I think the feeling is mutual. We want to get something done sooner rather than later."

Giordano, San Jose defenceman Brent Burns and New York Rangers goaltender Henrik Lundqvist are the three finalists for the NHL's Foundation Player Award that goes to an NHL player "who applies the core values of hockey — commitment, perseverance and teamwork — to enrich the lives of people in his community."

CFL
Mitchell fined for Holocaust tweets

Defensive lineman Khalif Mitchell has been fined undisclosed amounts by the Canadian Football League and the Montreal Alouettes for inappropriate posts on Twitter, including a link to a Holocaust denial video.

CFL commissioner Jeffrey Orridge said Mitchell violated the league's social-media policy.

"There is absolutely no place in our league for commentary used to divide or disparage others along the lines of sex, race, religion or sexual orientation," Orridge said in a statement.

"While we acknowledge that players have a right to hold and express their own opinions, in no circumstance do we condone activity or comments that are derogatory or inappropriate, putting the League's reputation in question — and we feel Mr. Mitchell's recent posts on social media have violated these principles."

Alouettes president and CEO Mark Weightman said the team denounced Mitchell's online posts.

"His postings are disappointing and in no way reflect the opinions and values of the Montreal Alouettes Football Club," said Weightman. "His postings were completely unacceptable and the Alouettes apologize to anyone who was offended by them."

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Rousey's life a fight from the beginning

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

UFC star's book doesn't skimp on hard knocks

Barefoot in a Toronto boardroom, the world's most dominant athlete — so says the cover of Sports Illustrated — is losing her voice.

(Rowdy) Ronda Rousey, UFC champion, Olympic judo bronze

medallist, actor and now author, is feeling the effects of a bout of pneumonia.

"I've never fully recovered because they've had me talking constantly all day since," she said with a slight laugh. "But now I'm feeling like Adele-raspy, not like mute. We're going in stages."

Rousey, 28, has survived far worse, as her new autobiography My Fight/Your Fight documents.

The current rock star of mixed martial arts was born with the

“Once you’ve conquered the worst things that can happen, there is no need to fear the unknown. You are fearless.”

An excerpt from Ronda Rousey's new book My Fight/Your Fight

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umbilical cord wrapped around her neck, came late to talking, has been homeless, battled

bulimia, has fallen asleep at the wheel while juggling minimum-wage jobs, has put her

body through hell, discovered naked photos taken without her knowledge by a boyfriend, bumped heads with her mother and mourned the tragic death of her father.

There was no shortage of material for the book Rousey had always talked of writing.

"When I was really having some of my hardest days, I would tell myself — kind of as a pep talk — that I was just in the difficult part of the book and

that I was in the middle of a very interesting autobiography," said Rousey, who kept journals growing up.

"And I was convinced I was on my way to something and I wasn't stuck where I was."

Rousey, who wrote the book with journalist/sister Maria Burns Ortiz, wanted to deliver more than a memoir — and succeeds. It's an easy read that rises from the entertaining to the inspirational at times. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Astros surge past Blue Jays in seventh inning

Jonathan Villar's two-run double put Houston on top in a four-run seventh inning and the Astros beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-4 on Thursday night.

Rookie Preston Tucker's RBI double off Aaron Loup in the seventh brought the Astros within 4-3. Villar's double scored two more to give Houston the lead. The Jays walked Jose Altuve before he stole second and Josh Thole's error allowed Villar to add an insurance run.

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Brady appeals 4-game ban

Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady appealed the four-game suspension he was handed for his role in using deflated footballs during the AFC championship game, and the players union urged Commissioner Roger Goodell to appoint a neutral arbitrator to hear the case.

The expected appeal was filed by the NFL Players Association on Thursday about an hour before a 5 p.m. Eastern deadline.

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Canada's Tristan Thompson had 13 points and 17 rebounds — and was a worthy second option to LeBron James — on Thursday night in Chicago. NAM Y. HUH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA PLAYOFFS

Ailing Cavaliers still bowl over Bulls

LeBron James struggled to score 15 points, Kyrie Irving limped off the court and the Cleveland Cavaliers still beat the Chicago Bulls 94-73 on Thursday night to clinch their Eastern Conference semifinal series in six games.

Matthew Dellavedova scored 19 points and Tristan Thompson added 13 points and 17 rebounds to help the Cavaliers advance to the conference final for the first time since 2009 even though their superstar played like a mere mortal and their all-star point guard hobbled to the locker room in the first half.

Still, Cleveland is right where it expected to be after James decided to come home

GAME 6 In Chicago



from Miami and return to his first team. The Cavaliers didn't expect to get there like this, though — with Kevin Love suffering a season-ending shoulder injury in the opening round and Irving trying to gut through problems with both legs.

Irving scored six points in 12 minutes before he came down on Thompson's foot early in the second quarter with the score 35-35 and did not return.

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Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Servings: 4

Ingredients

- 4 small corn tacos
- Refried beans**
- 1/2 cup diced onions
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 1/2 tsp chili powder
- 1 cup canned, drained and rinsed white kidney beans
- 1/3 cup chicken stock
- 1/2 cup medium salsa
- 1 cup thinly sliced cooked chicken breast
- 1 cup shredded lettuce
- 1/2 cup grated old white cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese
- 3/4 cup diced tomatoes
- 2 Tbsp minced onion
- 1 Tbsp chopped cilantro
- 2 tsp vegetable oil

• 1/2 avocado sliced thinly

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 450 F. Line a baking sheet with foil and place tacos overtop.
2. In small skillet, sauté onions, garlic and chili powder for 3 minutes. Add beans and stock, cover and simmer for 5 minutes. Purée beans in food processor. Add more water if too thick. Set aside.
3. Meanwhile, bake tacos for 5 minutes, just until lightly toasted.
4. Divide bean purée over tacos. Add dollops of salsa. Divide chicken, lettuce and cheese over tacos.
5. In a small bowl, combine tomatoes, minced onion, cilantro and oil. Divide over tacos and add garnish with sliced avocado. Serve immediately.

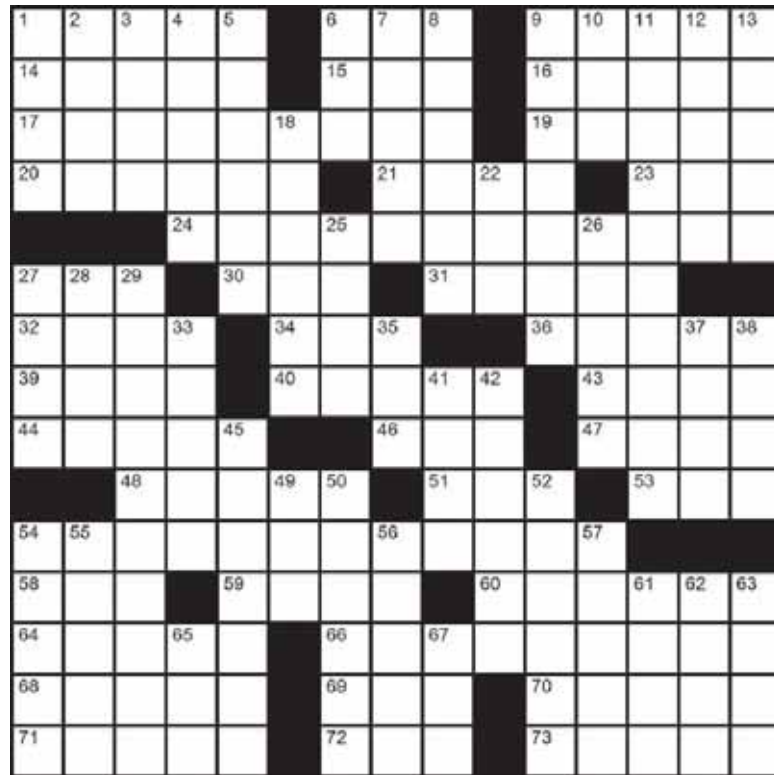
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. Flute, e.g.
6. Understanding utterances
9. Ice cream holders
14. Ten per cent church donation
15. Hound's hoover
16. French singer Ms. Piaf
17. Shoulder decoration, as on a military uniform
19. Cheese-topped chip
20. "___": Fury Road" (2015) starring Charlize Theron
21. Gael, for one
23. Wine aperitif
24. Anna Kendrick's new musical comedy, "___ 2" (2015)
27. ___ Leppard
30. Soft & ___ (Antiperspirant)
31. Hold off
32. Roman love poet
34. Billy Joel's "Just the Way You ___"
36. Hotel's main floor area
39. ___ Coburg-Gotha (Former royal house)
40. 1811 Jane Austen novel, ___ and Sensibility
43. Title lady of Starship's 1986 chart-topper
44. After lunchtime time, e.g.: 2 wds.
46. Mr. Cherry
47. Glance over
48. Wanders
51. Bus driver's



- path, briefly
53. Brewery container
54. Those who have become sensations on the 'Broadcast Yourself' website: 2 wds.
58. Facing [abbr.]
59. One-of-a-kind
60. Just to be on the

- safe side....: 2 wds.
64. Bit of "O Canada" in French: "Car ton bras sait porter ___" / Il sait porter la croix!"
66. Veronica Tennant or Karen Kain
68. Krispy ___ Doughnuts
69. Anger

70. 18-wheelers
71. ___ Wrap (Kitchen roll)
72. Call for
73. Petulant

DOWN

1. Thingy
2. Palm used for basketry or thatching
3. Dutch city
4. Pound
5. Put down new tiling
6. Be decisive
7. Break free from the egg
8. May ___ (Big time in television ratings)
9. Halifax ___ Library

10. Harem room
11. "How You Remind Me" band from Hanna, Alberta
12. Strong work ___
13. "SCTV" alum Martin
18. Additional things
22. Allow
25. Wax: French
26. Dental care purchase
27. "I can only ___ much." (I need assistance!)
28. Diana Ross' son married to Ashlee Simpson
29. In-need-of-work real estate listing
33. Bus station
35. Terminate
37. Hillside in Scotland
38. Yin and ___
41. Variety
42. Necessitate
45. Canadian contralto legend Ms. Forrester
49. Entrepreneur's deg.
50. Where Belgrade is the capital
52. Mr. Borgnine
54. Inners of eggs
55. Music for #45-Down
56. Department store chain
57. Loose rock at a cliff's base
61. Focuses
62. Dither
63. Simple
65. ___ Savahl (Culture brand)
67. Albanian currency

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is one of the best times of the year for getting things done. Even the smallest effort on your part will yield remarkable results over the next three or four days, so go for it!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You must be decisive today. You must draw up a plan and follow it through to completion. Deal firmly with those who get in your way. Be ruthless if you have to — there's a lot at stake.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Wherever you go and whatever you do Lady Luck will smile on you today. But don't use that as an excuse to go places or do things that put you at some sort of risk. You may be lucky but you are not invincible.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
The whole world could be against you today and you won't care a bit: in fact you will enjoy being the odd one out. You are looking for a challenge, the kind that no one expects you to win. Watch their faces when you succeed!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Anything is possible and according to the planets there is one thing you want above all else at the moment. Jupiter in your sign endows you with huge self-belief, so success is all but guaranteed.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You have to tell someone you like something that you know is going to hurt their feelings. Get it over with quickly. One day they will thank you for being so honest.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Whatever challenges come your way today you will deal with them with ease. This is one of those occasions when you need to be pushed to your limits and beyond. And what a Libra needs a Libra gets.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Try to be a bit more assertive today. Let people in positions of power know that you are not the sort of person they can kick around. You don't have to be rude but you do have to stand up for yourself.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Jupiter in the sympathetic sign of Leo means you will make your own decisions and take whatever risks you think are necessary. You won't doubt for a moment that you are doing the right thing. And you are.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
It does not matter that others say something cannot be done — if you want it enough you will find a way to get it. Stop worrying and start looking ahead and planning where you are going to be.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
With Jupiter moving through the partnership area of your chart you need only click your fingers for others to come running. Make the most of it — it won't last.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You will get through so much work today that some people may wonder aloud if you are on some kind of stimulant! You're not, of course, but you are certainly in one of those moods when you feel almost superhuman. Up, up and away!

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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